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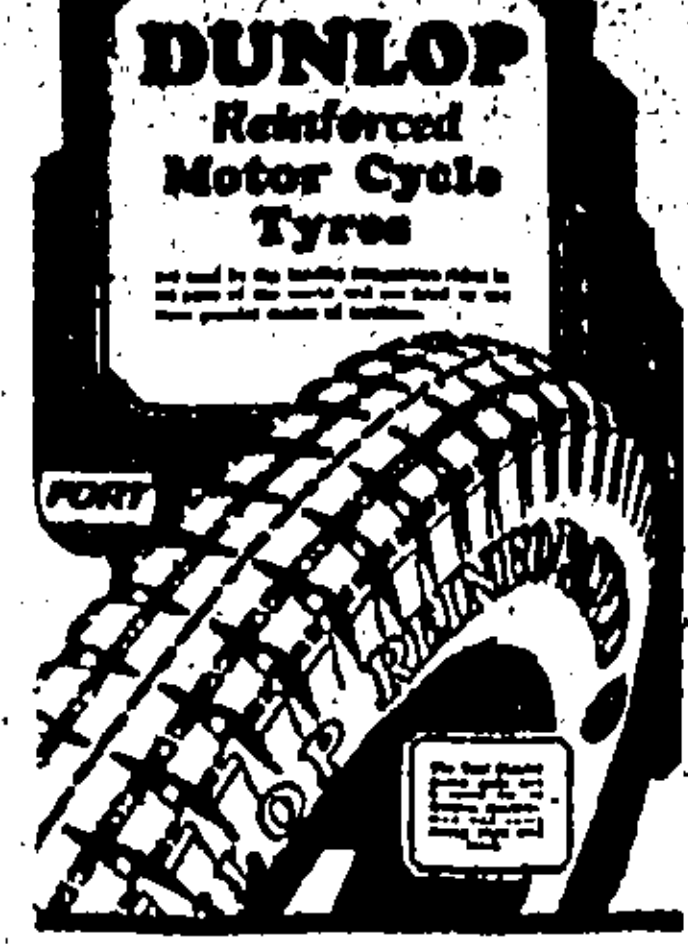
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1930. 10. 1930. 10. 1930. 10. 1930.

## PANICKY PLANS FOR CURING UNEMPLOYMENT.

CONGRESS WANTS  
£1,000,000,000.

SCATHING CRITICISM BY  
PRESIDENT.

## HINTS CONSPIRACY.

President Hoover hints at a political conspiracy to embarrass the American Government in the course of a scathing indictment of Congress which appears to have gone into a panic in its efforts to solve the problem of increasing unemployment. Over a thousand million pounds sterling are involved in relief schemes which have been proposed in Congress in a week, while the whole of the National Budget does not provide for an expenditure of nearly that sum. If the proposals are approved by Congress, America's Budget will require to be more than doubled to meet the additional charges.

### Enormous Sum.

Washington, Dec. 9. The anxiety felt in political circles over the present economic depression is signified by the fact that proposals, calling for a total expenditure of \$35,000,000,000 for relief work, have been advanced in Congress during the past week. This enormous sum has been requested in spite of the fact that President Hoover, in his annual message to Congress, only asked for \$3,500,000,000.

President Hoover has now issued a scathing denunciation of Congressional extravagance and waste of money.

### Risks On Treasury.

He says: Prosperity cannot be restored by raids on the public Treasury. Recalling that pending legislation will impose an additional burden of \$34,000,000,000 above the sums asked for in the Budget Measure (only \$3,500,000,000), the President says that the budget contained the maximum expenditure the Government could make without an increase of taxes, and tax increases would fall upon the farmers and the workers.

"Some organization," he declares, "is playing with politics at the expense of human misery and Americans must not be misled by such tactics."

The Senate, meanwhile, has passed a Bill authorizing a grant of \$30,000,000 for the relief of the farmers in the areas stricken by the recent drought.

### Banks in Difficulties.

From Newhaven, Connecticut, it is reported that the State Bank Commissioner has ordered the Citizens' Bank and Trust Company to suspend payment of deposits, owing to a shortage of bank reserves.

The lack of cash is due to the withdrawal of from twenty to twenty-five per cent. of the bank's commercial deposits in the past month.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company was incorporated in 1921 with a capital of \$3140,000.

### Baltimore Closings.

A message from Baltimore states that the Chesapeake Bank has notified that it is in the hands of the Bank Commissioner. Two of its branches in Baltimore have closed their doors.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## BRIEF BUT TO THE POINT.

MR. SNOWDEN'S REPLY TO  
WAR DEBT QUERY.

London, Dec. 9. When asked in the House of Commons whether any negotiations were proceeding with the Government of the United States of America on the readjustment of war debts, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Philip Snowden, replied: "No, Sir."

## LATEST HONGKONG FLIGHT.

AIRMAN TAKES OFF FOR  
SHANGHAI.

MAY EXTEND TRIP.

Following on his recent successful flight to Canton and Macao, Flying Officer A. V. Harvey, test and demonstration pilot to the Far East Aviation Company, this morning set off on a flight to Shanghai, with a stop at Amoy en route for demonstration purposes. He is flying solo in the Company's Avro-Avian V.R. H.A.D. The distance to Amoy is about 400 miles and Flying Officer Harvey expects to reach there within four hours.

The trip has not been undertaken for the purpose of trying to establish any time records, but to demonstrate the performance of a leading type of British aircraft which already has many records to its credit.

With a spare propeller strapped to the fuselage, and two suitcases, Flying Officer Harvey took off from Kai Tak at 10 o'clock this morning, with sufficient fuel to last for seven and a half hours' sustained flight. His course takes him over the notorious Bias Bay district and he expects to be within sight of the coast line for the greater part of the way. Weather reports this morning indicated a north-east wind which will tend to retard progress, but he expects to arrive at Amoy at two o'clock this afternoon.

On reaching Amoy, Flying Officer Harvey will demonstrate the machine to the Chinese. A Service and will probably resume the flight to Shanghai to-morrow or Friday. The hop from Amoy to Shanghai is just short of 500 miles. He expects to remain for a few days in Shanghai and the probabilities are that he will then fly to Nanking for further demonstration purposes. Further plans in regard to the tour are indefinite at present but Flying Officer Harvey expects to be away for some time.

The trip is being undertaken on Shell motor spirit and Golden Shell supplied by the Asiatic Petroleum Company (South China), Limited.

## TRAIN WRECKERS IN MANCHURIA.

BANDITS FIGHT POLICE  
AFTER DERAILMENT.

Tokyo, Dec. 10. A train which left Chenchow, Manchuria, yesterday afternoon, was derailed and overturned thirty-six miles from Hsipingkai when bandits removed a section of the rails.

Chinese police hurried to the scene of the mishap and fought a party of seventy bandits, whom they found looting the wrecked train.

Later, a train with reinforcements was sent from Hsipingkai and brought back all the passengers, one of whom was seriously injured.

The police suffered eight casualties, all wounded. The bandits took all the passengers' money and valuables. Traffic has been suspended pending a clearance of the debris.—*Reuter.*

## THE RETAIL PRICE OF TEA.

GOVERNMENT TO MAKE  
ENQUIRIES.

London, Dec. 9. In the House of Commons at question-time to-day, Mr. W. J. Womersley (Con. Grimsby) suggested an investigation into whether the retail price of tea reflects the reductions in the wholesale price.

Mr. William Graham replied that the Board of Trade had not sufficient evidence to enable the expression of a considered opinion, but he was asking the Food Council to report on the matter.

In answer to a supplementary question, Mr. Graham stated that there was a law between the wholesale and retail prices. This, and the coupon system, would be very fully investigated.

## YAUMATI MURDER HUNT.

FIVE MEN TAKEN INTO  
CUSTODY.

DRAMATIC ARREST ON THE  
FERRY WHARF.

POLICE SATISFIED.

Police have taken swift action following the murder drama at Yaumati on Monday night, and no fewer than five arrests have been made, high importance being attached in respect of three of the suspects. The authorities have been working on the theory that the cold-blooded murder of Tse On, the dead detective, resulted from a well-laid plot against his life by Communist desperadoes.

All five men now in custody in connexion with the crime were arrested during a widespread comb-out yesterday.

The first arrest occurred in the morning when a man going on the ferry at Yaumati at 8 a.m., was pointed out by Chan Pak-sung, a detective from Canton, who was one of the two caught in the alleged trap, but who, more fortunate than Tse On, escaped, one by taking quick cover under the table and the other by leaping through the window.

### Significant Fact?

The arrested man was dressed in European attire, which fact seems to have some bearing on a previous statement regarding the appearance of the man who led the attack on the victim at the restaurant. He is understood to have made a statement, from which other arrests were effected during the course of the day.

At noon, Detective Chan Pak, who made the first arrest, accompanied by the same Canton detective, made another arrest in a street at Yaumati, while again at 7 p.m., in the course of a watch kept on passengers coming ashore on the waterfront from the Yaumati ferry, a third suspect was taken into custody.

### More Arrests.

Elsewhere, when an extensive police net had been thrown out, the Criminal Investigation Department staff carried out a number of raids, these being prompted by statements, it is understood, by the three men already in custody and by documents which have come into their possession through a previous Communist case in which the murdered detective played an important part. Two more arrests resulted from these raids, bringing the total to five.

The results thus far are considered eminently satisfactory by high police officials, who, subject to the outcome of identification parades, are in a position to regard three of the men arrested in the category of "definite suspects." In this connexion the importance of one individual—the waiter at the restaurant who is said to be the only eye-witness of the actual shooting—has loomed largely in the estimation of those preparing the case for the Crown.

### Funeral of Victim.

The funeral of the slain detective is taking place this afternoon, starting from the Mortuary at Yaumati where the remains are lying, at 3 p.m. Of an official character, it will be attended by high police officials and marked with tributes due to a devoted officer who died in the execution of his duty.

Twenty men have been detailed from each of the five sections of the Police force to form the official cortege following the remains.

## FLIGHT COMPLETED.

LIEUT. HILL LANDS AT  
PORT DARWIN.

Port Darwin, Dec. 10. Lieut. Hill, who had such wretched luck when on the verge of breaking Rinkler's record flight from England to Australia, to-day completed his flight, reaching Port Darwin after a journey of 10,000 miles.

## "DOLE" SCANDAL ENQUIRY.

JUDGE HOLMAN HEADING A  
COMMISSION.

INSURANCE SYSTEM.

London, Dec. 9. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in the House of Commons to-day, announced the appointment of a Royal Commission to enquire into the unemployment insurance system.

The Commission will begin its labours immediately, while the personnel does not include the direct representatives of either employers or the workers.

The President of the Commission is Judge Holman Gregory, of the Mayor's and City of London Court. Judge Gregory was Liberal M.P. for South Derbyshire from 1918 to 1922, Recorder of Bath from 1922 to 1924 and of Bristol from 1924 to 1929.—*Reuter.*

Miss Bondfield, in answer to a number of questions, recently stated that the indebtedness of the Unemployment Fund on October 25 was £63,220,000.—*The Times.*

## DOLLAR STILL ON THE DOWNWARD TREND.

Below 1s. 2d. for First Time  
on Record.

PARITY WITH SILVER.

A further drop of a farthing in the sterling rate, as compared with yesterday's opening quotation, brought the dollar down to the new low record of 1s. 1 7/8d. this morning.

The market is reported to be still very weak, and it is noteworthy that parity with silver at to-day's price of 15 1/2d. would be approximately 1s. 7 1/2d.

25 was £63,220,000.—*The Times.*

The average weekly amount of benefit paid during the four weeks ended October 18 was £1,758,000; the average live register during the same period being 2,159,000.

At October 13 there were on the registers of Employment Exchanges in Great Britain 238,827 married women among 477,253 women claimants for benefit, as compared with approximately 85,755 married women among 188,059 women claimants at October 14, 1929. The numbers actually in receipt of benefit were not available.

## GEN. UGAKI RESUMES DUTIES.

MAY LEAD GOVERNMENT  
IN THE DIET.

Tokyo, Dec. 10. General Ugaki, who has been ill for a long time, has resumed his duties as Minister of War. He is regarded as the possible leader of the Diet in the event of Mr. Hamaguchi being unable to attend.

Mr. Hamaguchi is progressing towards health, but it is doubtful whether he will recover his strength sufficiently to face the arduous duties of Government leader in the next session of the Diet.—*Reuter.*

## LENINGRAD TRAMWAY TRAGEDY.

SIXTEEN WORKERS GIVEN  
HEAVY SENTENCES.

Moscow, Dec. 9. Sixteen tramwaymen and railwaymen charged with negligence in connexion with the terrible level-crossing accident a week ago, when a train crashed into a loaded tram, killing twenty-eight passengers, were convicted to-day.

Eight were sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. The others received sentences varying from one to five years' imprisonment.

## NEW GESTURE BY THE PRINCES.

INDIAN CONFERENCE  
COMPROMISES.

TWO COMMITTEES ALREADY  
DRAFTING REPORTS.

AMAZING PROGRESS.

The rapidity with which the Indian Round Table Conference is settling quite big problems is little short of astonishing. Two of the three sub-committees have already completed their discussions and are drafting their Reports, while the spirit of compromise apparent at the deliberations of the Federal Structure Sub-Committee gives rise to the highest hopes.

The Princes made another important gesture yesterday. Favouring a single Chamber, they left the question of one or two entirely in the hands of the British India delegation, while regarding federal legislation, they asked the privilege of ratification by the States Legislature, while pledging acceptance.

Burma's Future.

London, Dec. 9. Again very satisfactory progress was made by the Sub-Committee of the Indian Round Table Conference to-day.

The Burma Sub-Committee has now authorised its Chairman, Earl Russell, to embody its conclusions in a report for presentation to the main Committee next week.

The general sense of the Sub-Committee was to-day expressed, favouring a resolution asking His Majesty's Government to make public announcement regarding the acceptance of the principle of separation and stating that the prospects of the constitutional advance of Burma, as a part of British India, towards responsible Government, will not be prejudiced by the separation of the two countries.

### An Open Mind.

It should be explained in this connexion that the Government preserve an open mind regarding the nature of Burma's future constitution and that the matter will fall to be considered by a Round Table Conference which it has been suggested should meet in London for this purpose at a later date and at which it is contemplated the representatives of all classes and interests in Burma would have a chance to express freely their opinions on the constitutional issue.

The Committee confirmed the conclusions provisionally adopted at its earlier meetings on the protection of minority interests, the financial settlement between India and Burma, and the defence of certain scientific services of the Government of India and the desirability of a Trade Convention between the two countries.

### Federal Legislation.

In the Federal Structure Sub-Committee, the greater part of the time to-day was occupied by an important discussion on federal legislation.

The Princes further explained their views, emphasising that they like their fellow-Indians had only one ideal, namely, a united India with a Government of India by Indians.

Hitherto the States have shown a preference for a unicameral federal legislature to which units of the federation would send representatives. To-day announced that if one House was unacceptable to British India they are prepared to accept the principle of two Houses, and that British India could take the choice.

On the assumption that there were two Houses, the States would come into both, but as equal partners, desiring an equal voice. In the event of dispute and a consequent joint session between the two Houses, the States would take the matter be settled by a majority of not less than seventy per cent. Although the States are not prepared to pass with this proposal, they did not object to the suggestion.

## FINANCIAL CRASH OF EX-M.P.

SIR BEDDOE REES IN THE  
BANKRUPTCY COURT.

DEBTS OVER £400,000.

London, Dec. 9. The depression in the Welsh coalfields is blamed for the violent financial reverses suffered by Sir Beddoe Rees, former Member of Parliament for South Bristol, whose public examination concluded in the Bankruptcy Court to-day.

The statement of his affairs showed liabilities totalling £415,951, of which £287,343 is unsecured, while the assets are estimated at £74,100.

The debtor attributed his insolvency to the fall in the value of his shareholdings in the Welsh companies with which he was closely associated.

He said he had never lived beyond his means and had never gambled or speculated.

Sir Beddoe Rees is a well-known shipowner and colliery proprietor in Cardiff. He sat as Liberal member for South Bristol from 1922 to 1929, but was defeated at the last General Election by Mr. A. C. Walkden, the Labour candidate.

He is a prominent Free Churchman, being Joint Treasurer of the National Free Church Council of England and a former President of the Council for Wales. He has taken great interest in all Welsh national movements and been active in dealing with the housing question, particularly in Wales, being Chairman of the Welsh Garden Cities, Ltd.

Amongst the companies in which he is interested are the Ashburnham Collieries, the North Ashburnham Collieries, and the Ashburnham Steamship and Coal Co., of which he is Chairman, and the Amalgamated Anthracite Collieries, of which he is a Director.—*Reuter.*

## SNOW AND FOG AT HOME.

THREE DEATHS OCCUR IN  
ACCIDENTS.

London, Dec. 9. Snow fell in several districts to-day, while elsewhere, and specially in and around London, dense fog continued.

Increasing trains were delayed and fares had to be lit to guide traffic in the streets.

H. M. the King, who had planned to drive from Buckingham Palace to Windsor to shoot for the first time since his illness, had to cancel his journey.

### Three deaths are reported in fog accidents.

The weather cleared by afternoon sufficiently to allow play in the 55th Inter-Varsity Rugby match at Twickenham.

At Nottingham, racing was abandoned owing to frost and slight fog.—*British Wireless.*

## BIG ENGINEERING CONTRACT.

BRITISH ORDER IN FACE OF  
COMPETITION.

London, Dec. 9. In face of keen international competition, important contracts for eight huge boilers have been given by the Copenhagen Municipality to the Stirling Boiler Company, Limited, of Glasgow.

The boilers are required in connexion with Copenhagen's new 30,000 kilowatt power plant, the contract for which went recently to Messrs. Parsons, Limited, of Newcastle.—*British Wireless.*

## VALENCIA STRIKE DISORDER.

UNION SECRETARY KILLED  
IN CLASH.

Madrid, Dec. 9. A few hours after the declaration of a forty-eight hours' general strike at Valencia, police and strikers came into collision with serious results. The Secretary of the Metal Workers' Union was killed and a policeman was seriously injured.

## EXCITING DUEL IN ANNUAL VARSITY MATCH.

DARK BLUES FORCE  
A DRAW.

INDOMITABLE TACKLING AND  
FIERCE MARKING.

London, Dec. 9. At Twickenham to-day, before 40,000 spectators, the annual Varsity rugby match resulted in a draw, Oxford and Cambridge each scoring three points. The weather was beautifully fine and a wonderful game was witnessed, the huge crowd being kept at a high pitch of excitement throughout.

It was the fifty-fifth meeting of the Universities in rugby matches and it was crowded with more glamour than any since the war.

The play was simply crammed with thrills, running from end to end in an amazing pace in a succession of flashing runs and thunderous rushes.

Oxford's Stranglehold.

Outstanding above all, however, was Oxford's indomitable tackling and fierce marking, which put a stranglehold upon the Cambridge attacks before the interval.

After the interval, the Oxford defence, though it appeared to be cracking several times, held out with inspiring heroism, staying off thrust after thrust with still fiercer parries.

Cambridge were generally favourites before the match, yet Oxford had the game in their pockets before the intervals.

They won most of the scrums and bundled over the Cambridge three-quarters merrily before they could get going.

### Smeddie's Brilliance.

The Light Blues were only in a position to make spasmodic thrusts, chiefly by means of forward rushes, but the versatility of their star three, Smeddie, nevertheless gave them a lead of three points at the interval.

The score was all to the credit of Smeddie, though the actual scorer was Tallent.

Smeddie, realising the futility of straight running adopted a ruse when Cambridge were momentarily within striking distance. He suddenly turned with the ball and circled back towards his own line, circumventing a whole mass of players and then suddenly dashed towards the corner.

### Snap Try.

A scrum was formed in the Oxford twenty-five, Cambridge heaved the ball, which came to Tallent, who came back upon Smeddie's tracks and wormed his way in near the posts, as the tacklers came up for a snap try.

The kick for goal failed, the shot being charged down.

Shortly after the interval, when play was swinging to and fro across the centre-line, Oxford were awarded a penalty kick thirty yards out on the touch-line at a most acute angle.

Henley, the New Zealander in the Dark Blues team, placed the kick most carefully and amid expectant silence landed a beautiful goal amid a crash of applause.

From the time that they got on terms, Oxford were subjected to an unenviable ordeal.

Cambridge settled down in front of the Oxford posts, were heeling smartly, while their passes radiated to each side ten yards from the Oxford line.

Only by mustering the last ounce of determination did Oxford stay off defeat.

### Last Minute Drama.

In the last minute, a final Cambridge effort was dramatically frustrated. Smeddie, following a short curving run, short-punted over the back's head and was about to fall on the ball for a try when an Oxonian, who had dashed across tranquilly, got his hand to the ball, scattering it for nothing before his opponent's eyes.



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### FIGHT AGAINST MALARIA.

#### QUESTIONS ASKED AT THE SANITARY BOARD.

Questions relative to the ap-  
pointment of two malarial experts  
and any reports that might have  
been made on malaria in Hong-  
kong, were asked by Mr. M. K. Lo,  
at the fortnightly meeting of the  
Sanitary Board, which was held  
yesterday afternoon, under the  
presidency of Mr. G. R. Sayer  
(Head of the Sanitary Department).

Those present were the Hon.  
Mr. H. T. Crenay (Director of  
Public Works), Dr. C. W. Pope,  
(Medical Officer of Health), Dr.  
W. V. M. Koch, Messrs. Wong  
Kwong-tin, T. N. Chau, M. K. Lo,  
F. C. Hall, Dr. R. A. Castro Basto,  
J. H. Gelling (Secretary) and J.  
Hargreaves (Asst. Sec.).

#### New Member.

A letter was laid on the table  
from the Government relative to  
the election of Dr. R. A. de Castro  
Basto to be a member of the Sanitary  
Board.

The Chairman said that he  
would like to say that had he  
realised at the last meeting that  
the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga was  
severing his connexion with the  
Board he would have made some  
reference to the loss of so valuable  
a colleague. He then wel-  
comed Dr. Basto, who replaced Mr.  
Braga.

#### Questions on Malaria.

Mr. M. K. Lo then asked the  
questions standing in his name as  
follows:

Q. With reference to my  
question on Malaria Prevention  
put to the Head of the Sanitary  
Department at the meeting of the Board held  
on the 18th February, 1930,  
when the Head of the Sanitary  
Department answered my  
question in the follow-  
ing terms:—"I am authoris-  
ed to state that in order to  
enable the Director of Medical  
and Sanitary Services to make  
recommendations to the  
Government as to what  
should be done, two experts  
in Malariology have been  
engaged from the Federated  
Malay States and are  
shortly due to arrive in the  
Colony—will the Head of  
the Sanitary Department be  
kind enough to find out  
from the Government and  
inform this Board; Whether  
the malarialogists have, or  
the malarialogist has, made  
any reports as the result of  
their or his investigations  
in Hongkong to the Honourable  
Director of Medical and  
Sanitary Services, and if so,  
what is the date of such re-  
port?"

A. "The Malarialogist has made  
investigations and reports on  
Lycemum and Taikoo. He  
reported to Honourable  
Director of Medical and  
Sanitary Services on Taikoo  
on the 14th September, 1930  
and on Lycemum on the 13th  
September, 1930.

Q. "Whether, as the result of  
such report, the Honourable  
Director of Medical and  
Sanitary Services has made  
any recommendations to the  
Government as to what  
should be done, and if so,  
the date when such recom-  
mendations were made."

A. "The Honourable Director of  
Medical and Sanitary Ser-  
vices forwarded to Govern-  
ment the Lycemum Report, but  
with his recommendations on  
4th October, 1930, and the  
Taikoo Report, on the  
14th October, 1930."

Q. "If the answer to the above  
questions be in the affirma-  
tive, what action the Gov-  
ernment intends to take on  
such recommendations."

A. "Government is not yet in a  
position to announce its in-  
tentions on the particular  
recommendations now in its  
hands."

Q. "Whether the recommenda-  
tions of the Honourable the  
Director of Medical and

Sanitary Services will be  
published for the informa-  
tion of the public, and if  
so, when?

A. "The question of publishing  
the recommendations has  
not yet been considered by  
Government."

Q. "Will the Head of the Sanitary  
Department also state  
for the information of the  
Board as to whether or not  
there is any definite evi-  
dence that the area com-  
prising the Deep Water  
Bay, Repulse Bay and Stan-  
ley Districts, is malarially  
infected?"

A. "There is no definite evi-  
dence that Deep Water Bay  
or Stanley is malarially  
infected. Evidence regard-  
ing Repulse Bay is being  
collected now."

#### Appointments.

Dr. Basto was elected to be a  
member of the Select Committee  
for Aerated Water Manufactories  
in the place of the Hon. Mr. J. P.  
Braga.

The Board agreed to the ap-  
pointment of two Market Inspectors  
and to the deputing of these  
Inspectors to prosecute for con-  
travention of Market By-Laws.

#### Eating Houses.

The Chairman proposed the re-  
fusal of an application of an eat-  
ing house license at 32, Sai Street  
on the grounds of the place being  
dirty, the street crowded and  
other insanitary reasons, but Mr.  
M. K. Lo said that he had paid a  
visit to the premises and found  
them quite suitable for the pur-  
pose. He was surprised at the atti-  
tude of the Head of the Sanitary  
Department. He thought the  
place was reasonably clean and  
absolutely hygienic and proposed  
that the application be granted.

It was decided, after considera-  
tion, that members should inspect  
the premises before voting, the  
motion being put over until the  
next meeting.

#### Water Closets.

An application for an eating  
house license, at 45 Sha Po Road,  
was refused by the Board.

On the proposition of Dr. Pope  
an application for a dairy license  
at 37, Sing Wo Road was refused  
on sanitary grounds.

#### Referring to a minute, relative

to the application for the installa-  
tion of water closets at 129, Con-  
naught Road Central, the Chair-  
man pointed out to members that  
the motion had been before the  
Board previously but defeated in  
default of a second.

In moving that the present ap-  
plication be refused, Dr. Pope  
pointed out to the Board that the  
installation of water closets in  
the premises was undesirable and  
mentioned that the sewerage  
would run under the premises of  
an adjoining house.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin opposed  
the motion and pointed out that  
the Director of Medical and Sanitary  
Services had expressed the  
opinion that where a water closet  
could be safely installed in a  
building, whether it was old or  
new, he felt, provided there was  
a sufficiency of water, the closet  
should be allowed. He submitted  
that the Board if it refused the  
application because the building  
was old, was using the water  
closets as a lever to secure  
changes.

Mr. T. N. Chau, who had always  
advocated that it should be the  
bounden duty of the Board to en-  
courage the use of the flush sys-  
tem, supported Mr. Wong and in-  
timated that it would be unfair  
and unwise to refuse the present  
application.

Mr. M. K. Lo remarked that he  
had seconded the motion *pro forma*  
on the former occasion, but he  
had subsequently withdrawn his  
support on hearing the objections  
of the M.O.H., but then he had not  
the merits of the case before him  
and now, after having considered  
the matter, he agreed with Mr.  
Wong.

The Chairman mentioned three  
reasons why the application  
should be refused. He pointed  
out that, being a boarding house,  
strangers who might not know so  
much about hygienic matters,  
might abuse the privileges. The  
closet was also to be installed in  
the kitchen while it was proposed  
that the sewer should run under

### CHINA'S LEGAL LOANS.

#### TO BE REPAYED WITHIN 30 YEARS.

Aporepos of the report that the  
National Government has expressed  
its preparedness to repay all  
legally contracted domestic loans  
within 30 years, it is now learned,  
says the Chinese press, that all  
legally contracted foreign loans  
will also be completely repaid  
within the same period provided  
China is successful in carrying  
out her reorganization schemes in  
this direction.

It is said that the Ministry of  
Finance has already decided upon  
a measure relating to the reor-  
ganization and readjustment of  
China's domestic and foreign  
loans which provides for the nota-  
tion of a huge "reorganization"  
loan with the new Customs surplus  
as a sinking fund. The "new Cu-  
stoms surplus" referred to means  
the increased Customs revenues,  
which will be available after the  
enforcement of February 1 next,  
of the new Tariff which will be  
promulgated on January 1, 1931.  
The Chinese Customs revenues are  
expected to increase each year  
with the result that the sinking  
fund for the proposed reorganiza-  
tion loan will likewise increase  
each year.

#### Increased Repayments.

As its name indicates, the pro-  
posed reorganization loan will be  
used entirely for the reorganiza-  
tion or readjustment of China's  
foreign and domestic loans and,  
with the annual increase in the  
sinking fund, China will be en-  
abled to increase her repayments on  
her loans each year. In this way,  
the hope is expressed that all of  
her foreign and domestic loans  
will be completely redeemed or re-  
paid within 30 years. It is ex-  
pected, says the report in con-  
clusion, that \$5 million will be  
available for the first year's sink-  
ing fund for the proposed new  
loan.

#### Financing the Revolution.

At a meeting held in Nanking  
on Thursday, the Central Executive  
Committee of the Kuomintang  
passed a resolution to appoint a  
committee to investigate the  
numerous loans negotiated by the  
late Dr. Sun Yat-sen to finance his  
revolutionary movement and the  
anti-northern campaign, says the  
Chinese press.

Huge loans are said to have  
been made from Chinese living at  
home and abroad and large sums  
were contributed to finance the  
movement, the exact amounts of  
which are unknown. In view of  
the fact that all this money was  
used by Dr. Sun to carry out his  
revolutionary plans, however, it  
has been decided to investigate  
such loans and contributions and  
to refund them accordingly now  
that the country is unified.

After an investigation has been  
made and the loans are readjust-  
ed, the Government will devise  
means for their repayment. Most  
contributors decline to ac-  
cept repayment, the Government  
will publicly extol them for their  
patriotism.

The committee which has been  
appointed consists of 17 members,  
including Mr. Chang Ching-kiang,  
Chairman of the Chekiang Provin-  
cial Government; Mr. Sun Fo,  
Minister of Railways; Gen. Liu  
Chi-wen, Superintendent of Customs  
in Shanghai; Mr. Koo Ying-  
fen, director-general of the Na-  
tional of the National Civil Ser-  
vice Bureau and others.

adjoining houses, whereas in  
other places the sewer ran under  
scavenging lanes.

In reply, Mr. Wong pointed out  
that it was a well-known fact that  
water closets in Chinese houses  
were in kitchens and he thought  
it was more sanitary to have a  
water closet in the kitchen than  
otherwise. He remarked that if,  
in the event of the application be-  
ing granted, the privileges were  
abused, action could be taken.  
He also mentioned that strangers  
to the Colony from places where  
such conveniences were not used,  
could be instructed in their use.

The motion of refusal by the  
Medical Officer of Health was put  
to the meeting and carried by six  
votes to three.

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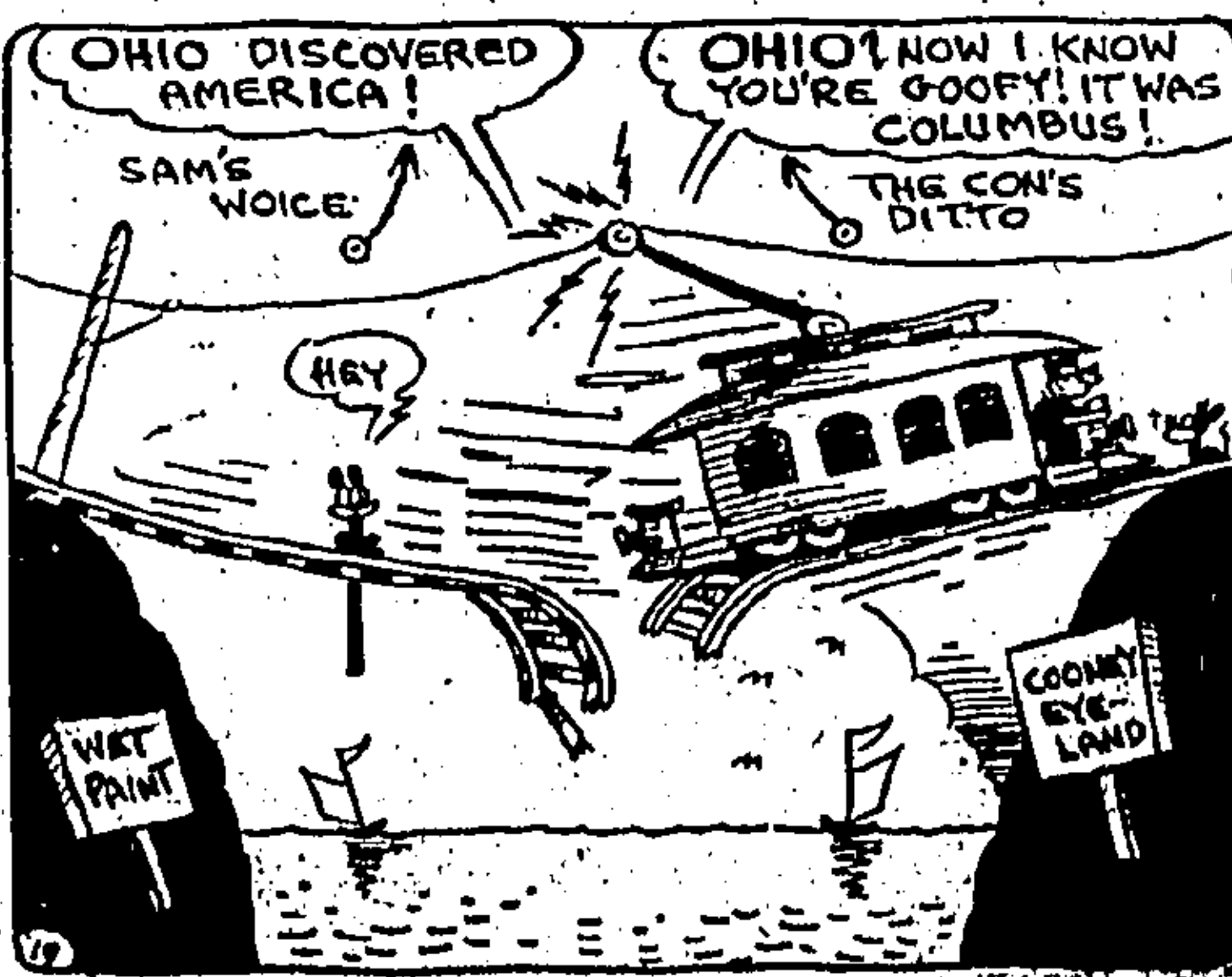
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### SALESMAN SAM



### Sam Slips Up



### By Small







Our photo shows the arrival at the Law Courts of the State Coach in which the new Lord Mayor of London, Sir Pheneas Neal, was driven from the Guildhall through City streets on the occasion of the annual Lord Mayor's Show, which attracted large crowds to the heart of the city. His arrival was greeted by a fanfare of trumpets. (Times copyright.)



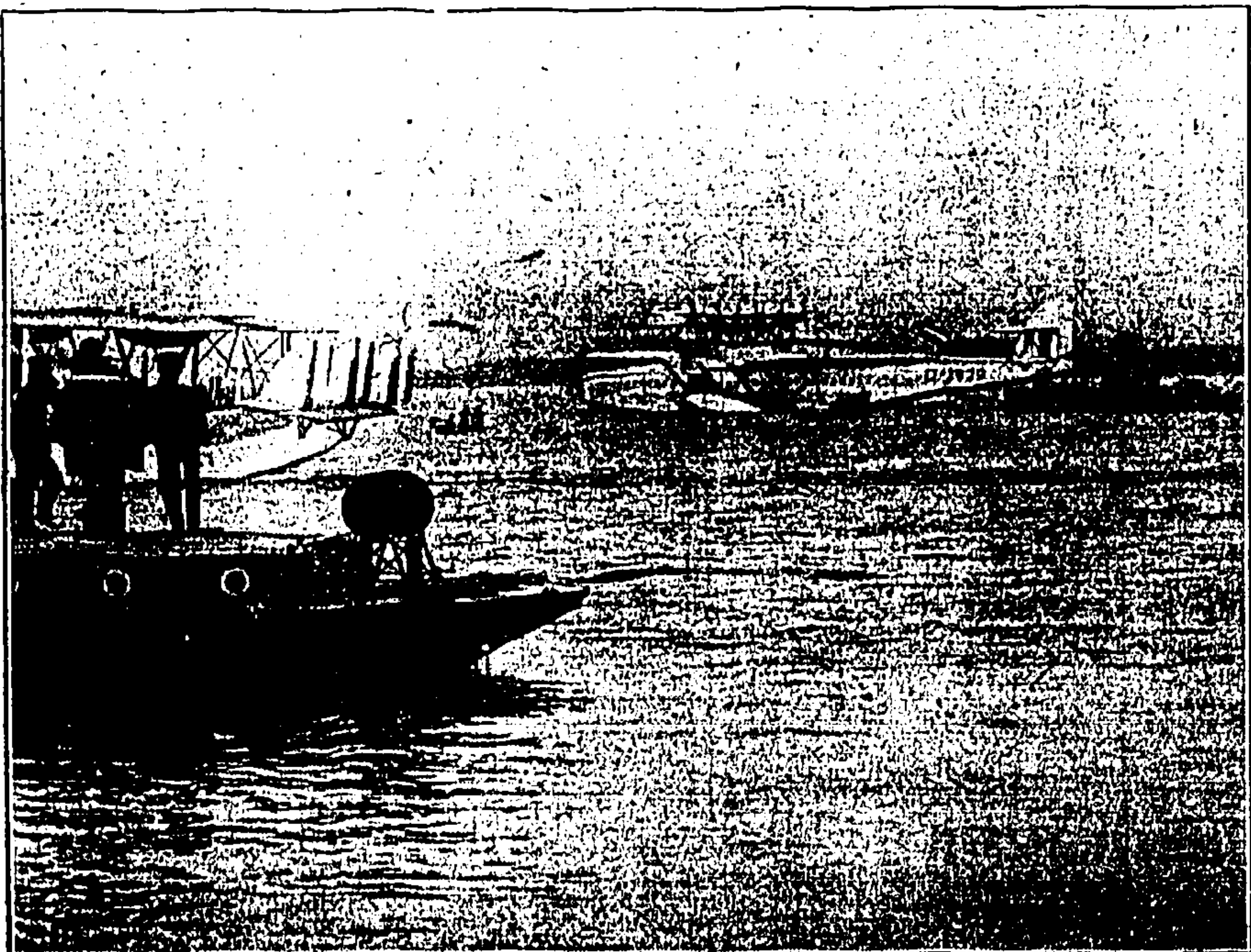
A feature of the Lord Mayor's Show was a Pageant of Empire Service contributed by St. Bartholomew's Hospital. This car symbolized St. Bartholomew's Hospital and Priory in Norman times. (Times copyright.)



The Shanghai Thursday Morning Bowling Club First row, left to right: Baroness Ruedt von Collenberg, Mrs. H. Deselrach; second row, left to right: Mrs. E. H. Thiel, Mrs. G. Booken, Mrs. R. Laurenz, Mrs. H. Tiefenbacher; third row, left to right: Mrs. G. E. Vissoring, Mrs. W. Hober, Mrs. A. Hartmann, Mrs. K. von Sick.



At the dinner given to the Canada Trade Mission by the Shanghai Chinese C. of C.



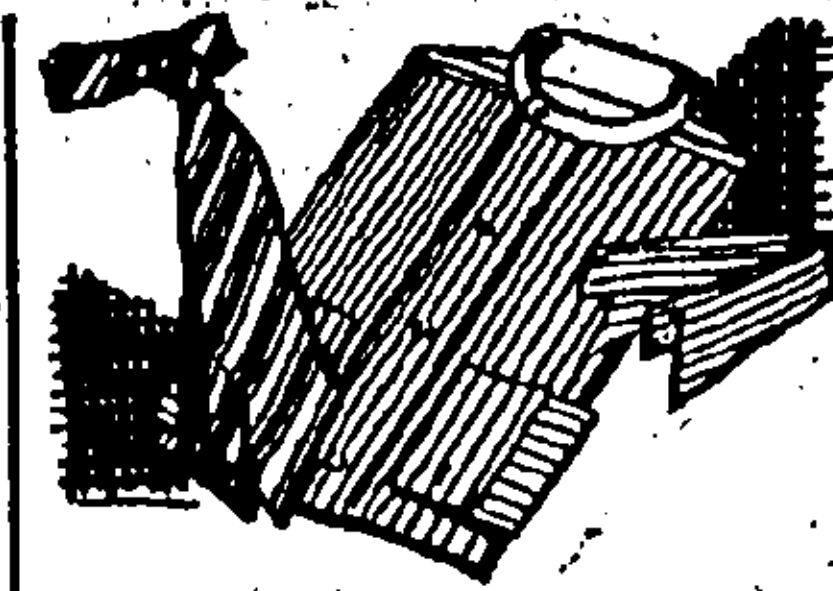
The Dornier Do. X photographed just after her arrival at Oakeshot on her flight to New York. (Times copyright.)



Mr. Aageson, prominent in Shanghai Danish community.



Captain Larsen, recently decorated for bravery in Nicaragua.



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705, 709, 720, 722, 727, 729, 732,  
734, 737.

## LOST.

LOST.—One Cross-bred Airedale black and tan DOG, number on collar 3634. Any information concerning the dog will be gladly received by Mrs. A. J. Skinn, 20, Broadwood Road.

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## THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 13th December, 1930, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

## MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members are notified that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5. for Gentlemen and \$2. for Ladies, are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary badges (limited to two) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying. On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

## PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The Price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1. for all persons including ladies and is payable at the gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

By Order  
C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

## CLUB LUSITANO.

## CONVITE.

A Direcção do Club Lusitano tem a honra convidar os Exmos. Srs. Socios do Club de Recreio, d'Associação Portuguesa de Socorros Mutuos, da Liga Portuguesa e do Club Lusitano e suas Exmas. Famílias e os demais Membros da Comunidade Portuguesa para se reunirem na sala "Luiz de Camões" do Club Lusitano na Quarta-feira, 10 de corrente, as 6.15 horas de tarde, a fim de assistir a Receção em honra de Sua Excelência O Ministro de Portugal em Pekin, o Exmo. Sur. Dr. Armando Navarro.

Haverá em seguida Cha e dança. A fim de que esta recepção seja revestida do maior brilho possível a Direcção pede a comparencia de todos os Socios e suas Exmas. Famílias e os demais Membros da Comunidade Portuguesa.

A. E. S. ALVES,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 9 de Dezembro de 1930.

## HONGKONG ART CLUB.

The Annual Exhibition will be held to-morrow in Lane, Crawford's Restaurant (front room).

The Exhibition will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Admission 50 cents.

N. BROWN, (Mrs.)  
Hon. Secretary,  
176, The Peak.

## UNION WATER BOAT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Queen's Buildings Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong at 11 o'clock in the forenoon on Monday, the 8th day of December, 1930 for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions as Extraordinary Resolutions:—

1 That the Articles of Association of the Company be amended as follows:—

(a) By the insertion immediately after Article 43 of the following new Article, namely,

43 (A) The Company may by ordinary resolution cancel any shares which at the date of the passing of such resolution have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person, and diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.

(b) By the insertion immediately after Article 102 of the following new Articles, namely,

102a. The Company may at any time and from time to time in general meeting by resolution authorize the General Managers to capitalize any profits of the Company not required for the time being for payment of dividend upon any preference shares of the Company or other shares issued upon any special conditions, whether standing to the credit of the Company's reserve fund or otherwise, and including profits arising from the appreciation in value of capital assets, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company in respect of the net amount capitalized fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal amount, and the General Managers shall give effect to any such resolution accordingly, and any shares allotted pursuant to any such resolution shall be distributed among the members holding shares of the Company so far as practicable in proportion to the number of shares held by them respectively, and shall be credited as fully paid by means of the profits so capitalized and the General Managers may make such provision by the issue of fractional certificates or by the payment of cash or by sale and distribution of the proceeds or otherwise as they may think expedient for the case of fractions. The General Managers may appoint any person on behalf of the members to enter into any agreement with the Company providing for the allotment to them of such shares credited as fully paid up, and in satisfaction as aforesaid and any agreement made under such authority shall be effective.

102b. The General Managers may, with the sanction of the Company in General Meeting, declare a dividend to be paid to the members according to their rights and interests in the profits, and may fix the time for payment and may with the like sanction declare and pay a dividend or bonus out of any reserve fund and fix the time for payment thereof and may with the like sanction declare and pay bonuses to the Company's employees or any of them.

AND NOTICE is hereby further given that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same time and place on Tuesday, the 23rd day of December, 1930 for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

AND NOTICE is hereby further given that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same time and place on Tuesday, the 23rd day of December, 1930 at 11.5 o'clock in the forenoon or so soon thereafter as the above meeting shall have terminated, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions, namely:—

1. That the Company do hereby cancel all shares (namely, 22277 shares numbered 27724 to 50000), which at the date hereof have not been taken or agreed to be taken by any person, and do hereby diminish the amount of its share capital by the amount of the shares so cancelled.

2. That the Capital of the Company be increased from its diminished capital of \$194,061.00 Hongkong Currency divided into 27,723 shares of \$7.00 each to \$500,010 Hongkong Currency divided into 71,430 shares of \$7.00 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company.

3. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalize the sum of \$77,630 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Funds and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of January 1931 in respect of the net amount capitalized fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of two shares for every five shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of January, 1931.

4. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share the General Managers shall in lieu of issuing fractional certificates cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the General Managers and such share may at such time as the General Managers think fit be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share.

5. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised out of the profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Funds to pay to the members holding the 27,723 existing shares of the Company as on the 1st day of January, 1931 a sum equal to \$6.00 for every five shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively by way of a bonus dividend out of the profits of the Company.

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Banks.

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Chartered Bank, \$1850 n.

Mercantile A & B, \$27 n.

East Asia \$115 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1,225 b.

Union Ins., \$508 b.

North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.

China Underwriters, \$3.30 sa.

Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.

China Fires, \$400 b.

H. K. Fire Ins., \$1215 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$28 3/4 s.

H. K. Steamboats, \$31 1/4 n.

Indo-China, (Def.) \$24 n.

Union Waterboats, \$39 s.

Mining.

Benquoets, 19.75 b.

Kailans, 37/6 b.

Shai Explorations, Tls. 1 b.

Raubs, \$31.70 s.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$169 1/4 b.

Whampoa Docks, \$31 1/2 s.

China Providents, \$5.25 b. (old).

Hongkows, Tls. 280 n.

New Engineerings, Tls. 7.10 n.

Shanghai Docks, Tls. 114 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 11.60 n.

Shai Cottons, Tls. 79 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$10.90 s.

H. K. Lands, \$82 s. (old).

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Humphreys, \$17.15 b.

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Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18 n.

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China Buses, Tls. 10 n.

Singapore Tractions, 7/6 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. b.

Malabons, \$27 n.

Cald. Macg. Ord. Tls. 10.75 n.

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Cements, (Comb) \$17.65 b.

Ropes, \$11.40 b.

United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$27.25 b.

Watsons, \$12.80 n.

Der A. Wings, \$1 n.

Lane Crawford, \$3.70 n.

McKintosh, \$19 b.

Sinceres, \$11.60 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$23 n.

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B'que Ind. G. Bonds, \$60 % b.

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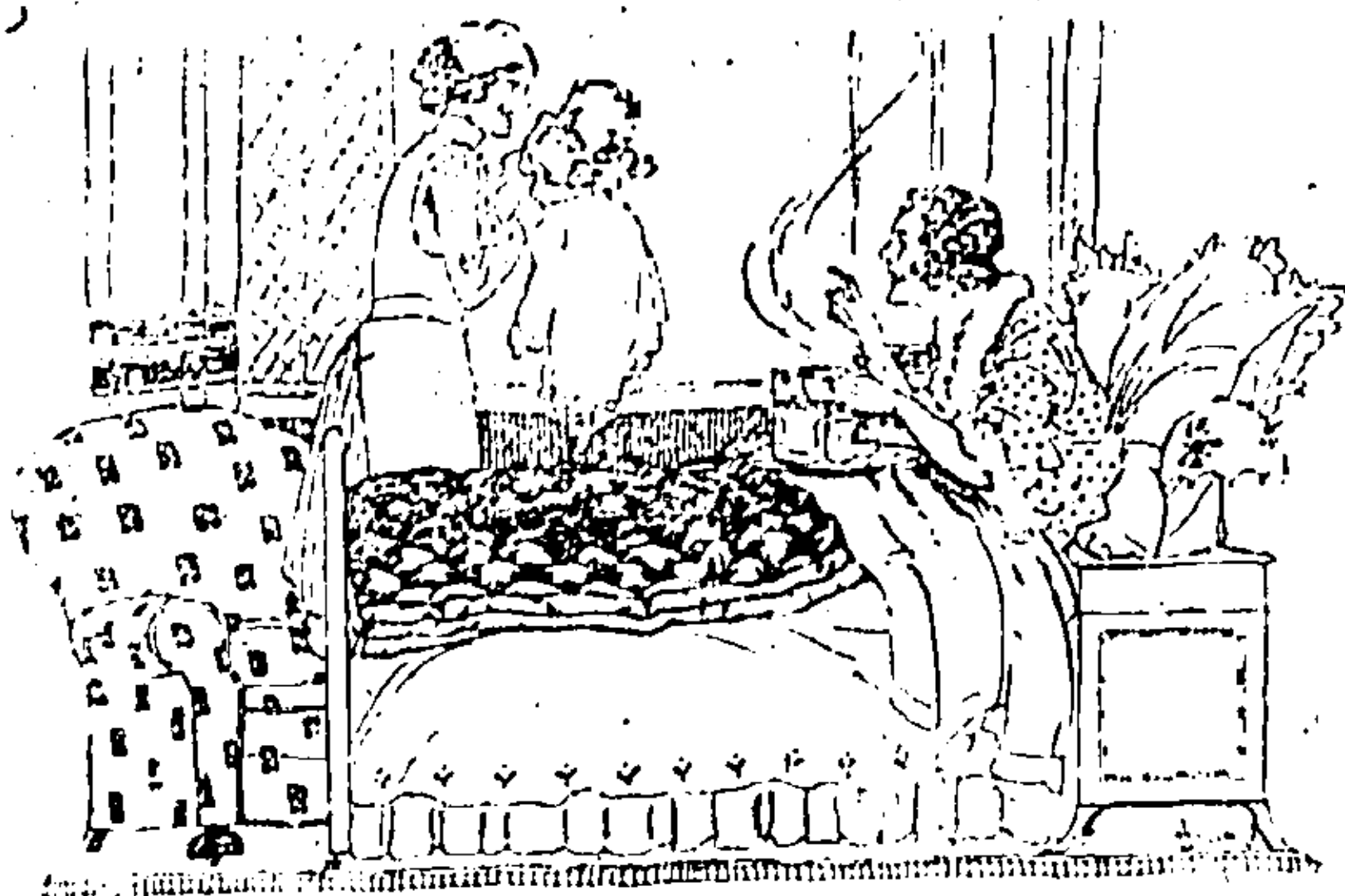
From	Per	Date
Shanghai and Swatow	Taming	December 10.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 22nd November)	Chung King	November 11.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 22nd November)	Fulda	December 11.
Manila	Rondo	December 11.
Shanghai and Swatow	Soochow	December 11.
Calcutta and Straits	Tilawa	December 11.
Japan and Shanghai	Terukuni Maru	December 12.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters only London 13th November and Parcels 8th November)	Sarpidon	December 12.
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only London 13th November)	Katori Maru	December 12.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 14th November)	Fres Polk	December 13.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	December 13.
Amoy and Dairen	Tjimanock	December 14.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 21st November)	Pres. Grant	December 15.
Australia and Manila	Charite	December 15.
Formosa and Amoy	Tjimanock	December 16.
Canada, U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. 27th November)	Emp. of Canada	December 17.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 20th November)	Shinyo Maru	December 17.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and when mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Date and Time
Foochow	Hsinchang Wed., Dec. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tainan Wed., Dec. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing Wed., Dec. 10, 4 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa	Seaborn Maru Wed., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via San Francisco	Chichibu Maru Thurs., Dec. 11, 5 p.m.
Registration	10th 5 p.m.
Letters	Dec. 11, 8.30 a.m.
(Due San Francisco 1st Jan. 1931)	
Manado Maru	Thurs., Dec. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tjibadak Thurs., Dec. 11, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Rondo Thurs., Dec. 11, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangen Thurs., Dec. 11, 3 p.m.
Rabaul	Bremerhaven Thurs., Dec. 11, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning Fri., Dec. 12, 2 p.m.
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Registration	4.15 p.m.
Letters	Dec. 12, 4.30 p.m.
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This is the advice of a beauty specialist who considers eyebrow shaping a great mistake. A neat and shiny hair-breadth line on the forehead gives a very vacant look to those women who have had their eyebrows plucked until there is nothing left, especially if their eyelashes have been blackened, so that their eyes stare out of a more or less bald face.

Even if you are not going to let your hair grow this winter, if you have been in the habit of plucking your eyebrows, why not let them grow enough to give your face back some of its character? It seems a pity, now that fashions are so adaptable, not to show some kind of individuality in our personal looks.

#### Ruffles.

Ruffles have never been so effective or so a la mode as this season. They are employed in many different ways. At the hem of skirts, round the sleeves, on the décolletage, and even round the waist.

Ruffles run round the long, tight sleeves, and are made into a shell-shaped ruff round the collar. Ruffles are seen round the brims of wide felt hats.

Spinely the pretty, tip-tilted, modest actress who is so popular with Parisians, is wearing at the Theatre des Capucines, a bottle-green satin dress, with gold lace ruffles round the full skirt and the 1830 neckline. And there is a ruffle of bottle-green velvet round the waist.

We seem to be in for a velvet season, and those of us who can't afford a real Lyons velvet gown, can have something almost as pretty and elegant in dear old velvetene, which is so much cheaper.

### FASHION GOSSIP. PRECIOUS LETTERS.

#### Coats and Dresses.

Tailor-made skirts have three or four panels stitched down half way, the question of what letters to keep and which to destroy becomes at one time or another a problem somewhat difficult to solve.

A herring-bone jersey tweed is being used for afternoon dresses with much success. A smart little dress in this herring-bone jersey tweed in pink and white, is ideal for morning wear. There is a flared skirt, a plain bodice with little white muslin tabs in front, and for finishing touch, a red leather belt at the waist.

The new autumn coats vary in length, from the short, top-length jacket, with a narrow belt at the normal waistline, through the three-quarter length coats, to the full length coat, which is the best length for evening wear.

They are often matched by the skirt, and sometimes of the material, for collar, cuffs, and bottom.

#### Skirt Length.

Evening dresses are showing a diversity of skirt lengths. If the dress is for day time wear, it is usually longer than those of last season, while evening gowns, on the contrary are shorter.

Skirt lengths may seem unimportant to the uninitiated, but to their wearers they spell the difference between chic and dowdiness. Here are some of the skirt lengths sponsored by the most important dress-making firm.

For active sports, skirts are 14 inches, 13 inches, and 12 inches from the floor according to the dressmaker's taste. Morning dresses, of the type called "spectator" sport, as they did during the last season, clothes are 13 inches from the floor.

#### Best Hidden Away.

To most people who lead a full life, the question of what letters to keep and which to destroy becomes at one time or another a problem somewhat difficult to solve.

There are painfully practical people who argue that, as letters stored away are hardly ever read, it is folly to give them house-room, and, acting upon this belief, they destroy all correspondence, in matter how interesting or how moving it may be or may be likely to become.

Lord Birkenhead, I see, framed two letters that meant very much to him, and had them hung above the mantelpiece in his library.

Not many of us take that way of preserving both the letter itself and the memory of its contents. We do, what interesting lights they throw upon the lives of those who have homes we possess.

But, as most of us the memories of those letters that have rattled round our heads too generously touched with sentiment to be displayed even to the eyes of friends.

The letters that hold them are better hidden away. H.M. In Exchange.

inches from the floor, ten inches, or from four to eight inches.

At one well-known Paris dressmaker's all day-time dresses are from 12 to 13 inches from the ground.

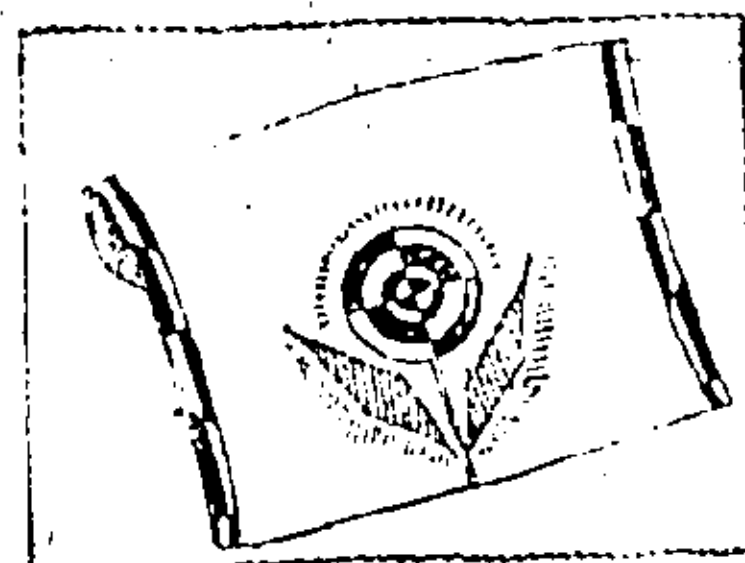
Evening gowns, except those very formal of a long, are made length, instead of sweeping the floor as they did during the last season. They make them much more practical and suitable for dancing.

### FOR XMAS.

#### Try Making This.

Every woman would love a week-end envelope handkerchief case for a little Christmas remembrance.

They are so inexpensive and so easy to make! Out of one yard of crisp organdie half a yard pink and half baby blue, or any other

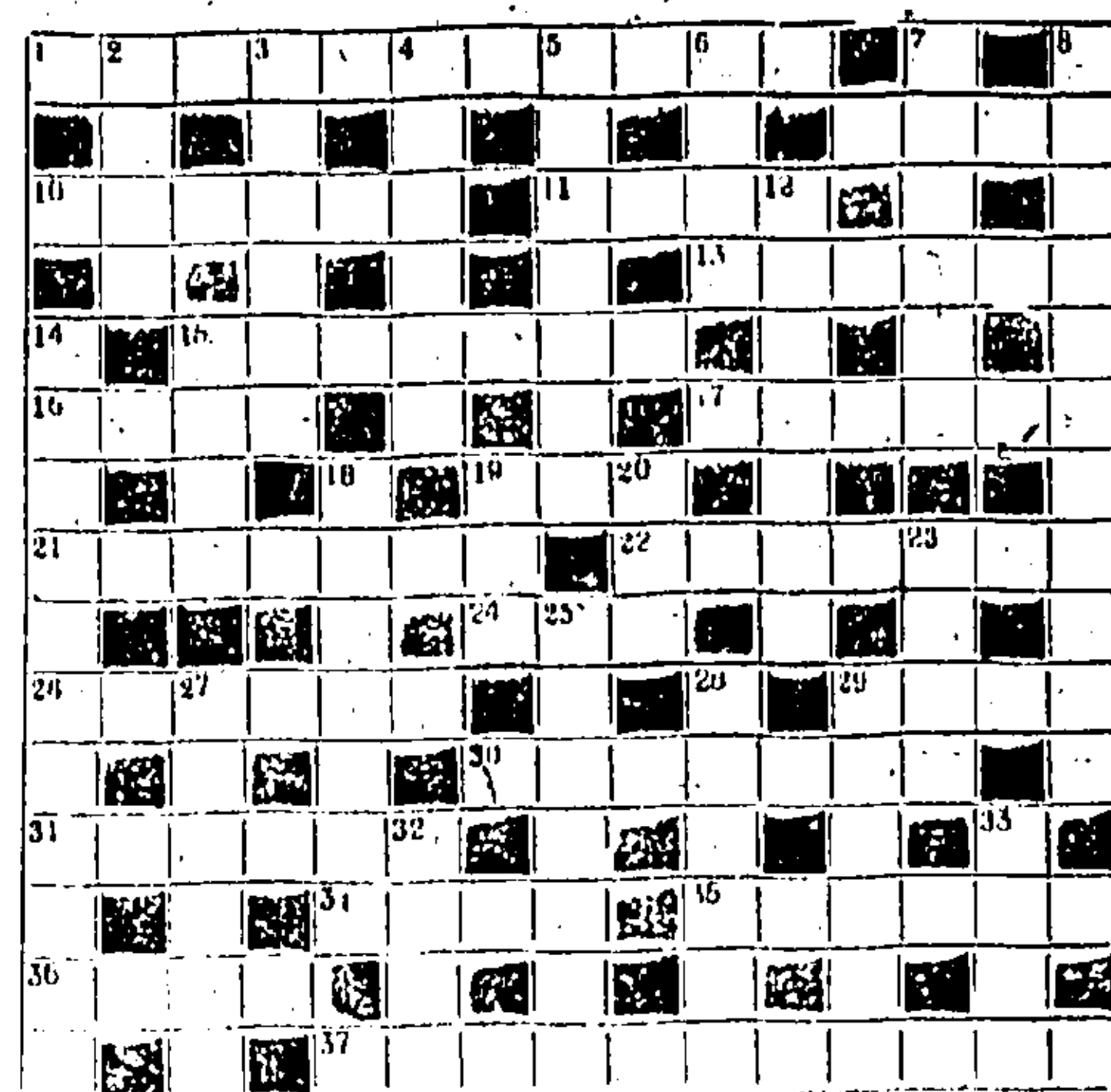


two colours you want and some binding tape or ribbon, you can make five.

Cut your organdie lengths into strips seven inches wide and sixteen inches long. Lay a pink strip against a blue one, either side out that you want, and fold the double strip like an envelope, and the edges of the flap in ribbon in the two colours.

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### OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



#### Across

- 1 "Gift! Nice man!" (anag.).
- 9 Preserve this eccentric person.
- 10 This plant yields sarraparilla.
- 11 What is the tasty part of a knife?
- 12 Not mere knobs.
- 13 These are safe—so long as they are.
- 14 Here (apologetically I say it) you may get a pane in the neck.
- 15 Names a Scottish canal.
- 16 The head of a Spanish lady.
- 17 Such a little ring would never be heard.
- 18 The bosom pal of Pyrales.
- 19 A deviation from the course returns the right way.
- 20 Not unlike a couple of insects, floating on the surface.
- 21 This fall's without noise—in Scotland.
- 22 A small musical instrument of terracotta.
- 23 Cymbeline's daughter.
- 24 Another musical instrument, but large and of brass.
- 25 Turn upside down.
- 26 Old ones are well known to the police.
- 27 The land of Nod.

#### Down

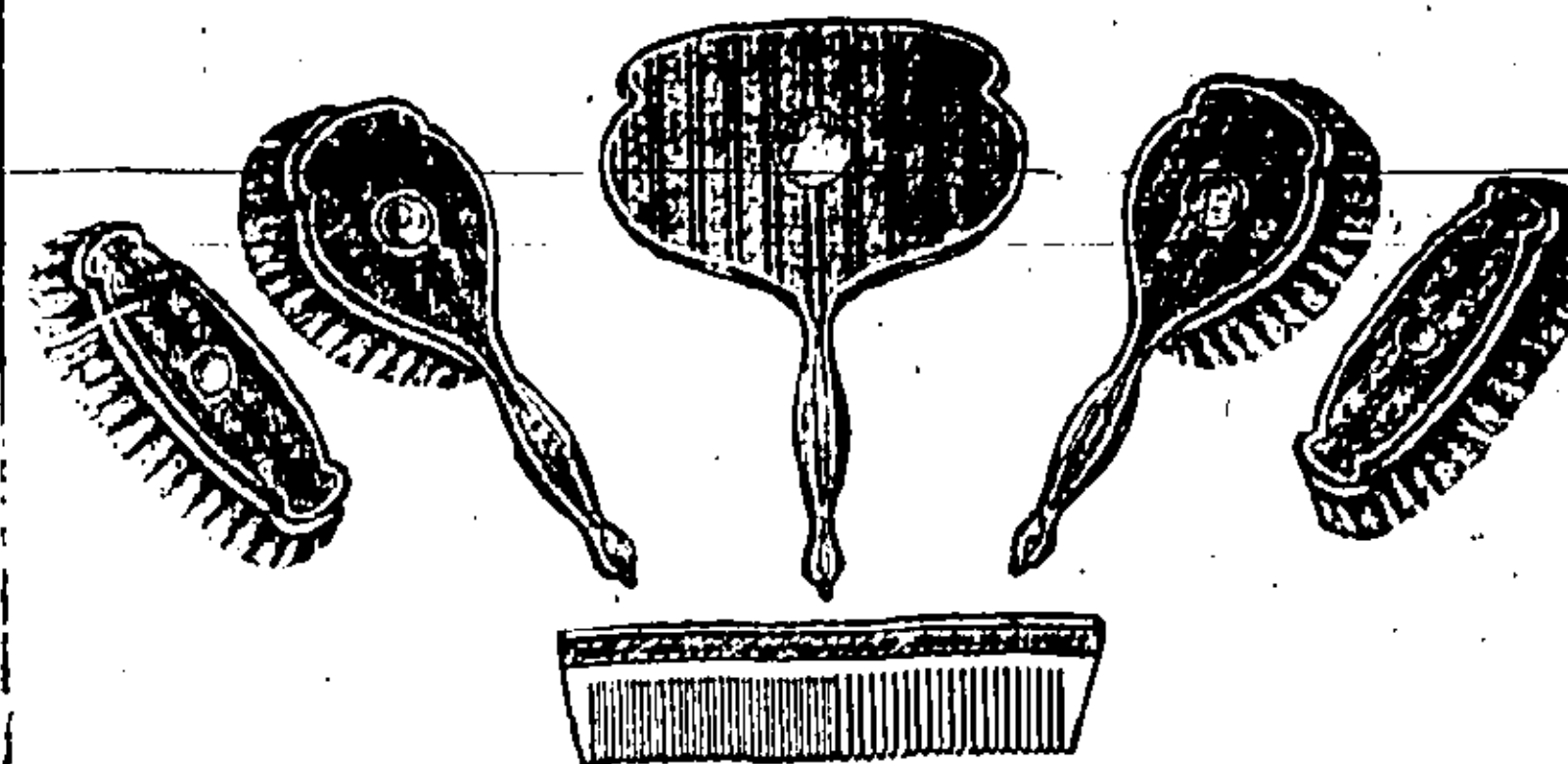
- 2 Charity—like that small slam you gave away recently!
- 3 Mistress Gwynne's other name.
- 4 Settlement.
- 5 Usually described as select.
- 6 It's odd, but half of this number may be four in Rome.
- 7 There is no weight in that of a song.
- 8 "Need help, sir?" (anag.).
- 12 This is twisted. It ran back

- near the beginning, then led.
- 14 A most incorrect description of a gas-mantle.
- 15 What kind of silk reminds one of a spinning-top?
- 18 Most depressing when wet.
- 19 There is a good deal of style about this.
- 20 May be won back.
- 21 A prickly pear—a fruit, which ever way you look at it.
- 22 Applause.
- 27 Scarcely a thought, notwithstanding.
- 28 What is that which may be easily raised but cannot be lowered?
- 29 Cry like an urchin.
- 32 This clue is permissible but also void.
- 33 The midnight bell... with his tongue.—King John.

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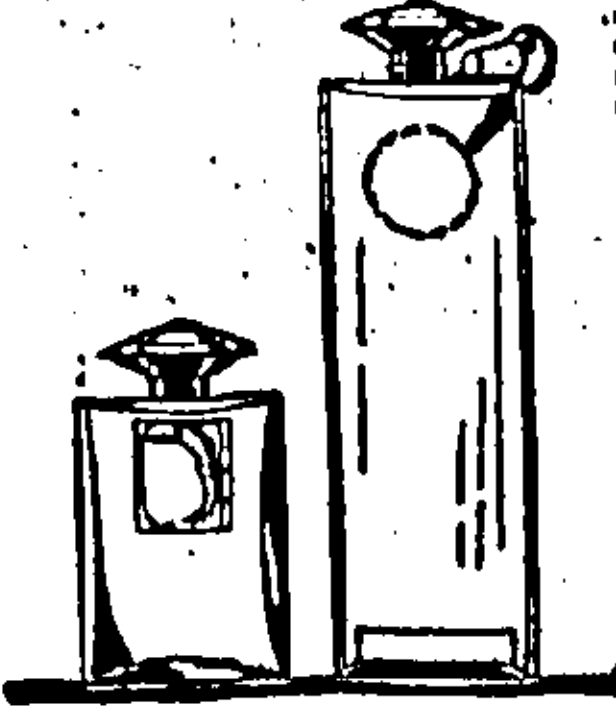
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## DEATH.

LICKLEY.—Frederick Charles  
Lickley, 9, Howbeck Terrace,  
West Hartlepool. (Shanghai  
papers please copy).

## The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10, 1930.

## HOSPITAL LIBRARIES.

We wonder whether people in  
Hongkong give much thought to  
the matter of the provision of  
suitable reading matter for  
patients in hospitals? Most of  
us, at one time or another, have  
no doubt sent along "something  
to read" to friends who happen to  
be in hospital, and we presume that  
most of the local institutions have  
libraries of some kind. But there  
is in this Colony no organised  
effort to cater to the needs of the  
sick in this respect. At home,  
however, a splendid work is being  
done in this direction by the Red  
Cross and St. John Hospital  
Library Service which was started  
during the war but, in response  
to urgent requests for its con-  
tinuance, has been carried on ever  
since. An appeal for additional  
funds to keep the movement alive  
has recently been made, and has  
met with a most encouraging  
response.

The work which is being done  
by the organisation named exists  
almost unnoticed except by a  
small minority. It is pointed out,  
however, that to-day there is  
creeping into the medical world  
much thought on the curative  
value of reading, or, technically,  
the therapeutic value of books.  
In simple language, this implies  
that the book must suit the tem-  
perament and the mental and  
physical state of the patient;  
which again implies its selection  
by someone who has knowledge of  
books and understanding of  
human nature. These qualifica-  
tions cut at the root of the long-  
established idea of "a kind gift  
of old books for the hospital."  
In some countries, such as Den-  
mark, hospital libraries are or-  
ganised in co-operation with  
public libraries, and in most  
cases with the help of voluntary  
librarians. In England, some few  
hospitals have voluntary libra-  
rians who do splendid work, but,  
whatever the principle put into  
practice, it needs to be remem-  
bered that the citizen does not forfeit  
his rights as a reading member of  
the public when he enters a hos-  
pital ward, that the interactions  
of mental and physical states are  
now becoming recognised as  
supreme factors in a patient's  
condition, and that the effect of

the right book, especially in long-  
standing cases and in mental and  
nervous disorders, has frequently  
been proved to be invaluable.  
When we remember these points, it  
is strange that amongst institutions  
for which it is now taken for  
granted that libraries are, or  
should be, provided, hospitals are  
the only ones which as yet claim  
no public recognition. Prisons,  
schools, clubs, etc., fall within the  
favoured category, but those who  
are enduring physical or mental  
suffering, often enhanced by worry  
and boredom, are largely outside  
this social recognition. During  
the past ten years, public opinion  
has been moving slowly in this  
matter, but it is felt that a little  
more imagination allied to a re-  
cognition of the facts will mean a  
big spread of the idea for which  
the Hospital Library Service  
stands.

Hongkong, unfortunately, is  
poorly served in the matter of  
libraries, excepting those which  
are maintained by such institu-  
tions as the Hongkong Club and  
the Helena May Institute, and we  
feel that very little thought is  
given to our hospitals in this con-  
nexion. Whether anything can  
be done along the lines of the  
movement at home is a matter  
deserving of attention. The idea  
is one which should command  
general sympathy, and maybe  
something could be done by co-  
operative effort on the part of  
existing organisations. At any  
rate, we throw out the suggestion  
for what it is worth, feeling that  
the movement is one which has  
everything to commend it to the  
community at large.

## The Soviet Way.

In countermarching sentences of  
death passed at the so-called con-  
spiracy trial upon Professor  
Ramzin and four of his companions  
in the dock, the Soviet Government  
Executive has complied with rea-  
sonable expectation. The amazing  
confessions at the extraordinarily  
well advertised trial were too  
amazing. The stories of foreign  
intrigues alleged to have been  
related in minute detail by the  
accused, have failed to convince  
because they have fitted far too  
closely to the Soviet's constant  
desire—suggestive of inferiority  
complex—for exposure of capitalis-  
tic plans for intervention. Conse-  
quently, the impression all along  
has been that the trial lacked  
genuineness, and that the accused  
had no serious consequences to  
fear, even if the affair was not com-  
pletely trumped-up from first to  
last. One surprise attaches to the  
Soviet Executive's announcement,  
namely, the speed with which it  
followed the death sentence. The  
purpose is difficult to fathom for  
the effect on the average person is  
to confirm a very natural suspicion  
rather than to allay it. And this  
has to be borne in mind when we  
come to consider the Soviet reply  
to the protest against the serious  
reflections on past and present  
British Governments contained in  
the "confessions" alleged to have  
been made. Even assuming for a  
moment that the trial was an  
honest one, that there has been no  
deliberate plot to embarrass the  
British and French Governments,  
the reply would still be unacceptable.  
The Soviet Government has been to  
almost extreme lengths to secure  
the widest publicity for the allega-  
tions, not only throughout Russia  
—with the clear object of stirring  
up anti-British and anti-French  
feeling—but throughout the rest of  
the world. The allegations are, of  
course, unfounded and unreasonable.  
They are totally unsupported.  
Nevertheless, the Soviet has en-  
deavoured through them to damage  
British political credit and little  
effort has been made to conceal  
this object. As Sir Austen  
Chamberlain said, matters cannot  
be allowed to stand where they are.  
British dignity demands an ex-  
planation, not an attempt at justi-  
fication.

Charged with cutting wild trees  
on Fortress Hill, North Point, two  
Chinese women were each fined  
\$5 by Mr. Lindsell at the Central  
Magistracy this morning. Accord-  
ing to Mr. J. Carr, little damage  
was caused as the trees were small  
and the plantation in that parti-  
cular locality was dense.

## DAY BY DAY

HE WHO PROVOQUES THE HONESTY  
OF TO-DAY TILL TO-MORROW WILL  
PROBABLY PROVOQUE HIS TO-MORROWS  
TO ETERNITY.—Lavater.

The N.Y.K. has issued an effec-  
tive wall calendar, a copy of which  
has reached us.

From Messrs. Reiss, Massey and  
Co., Ltd., we have received a handy  
little pocket diary issued by Samuel  
Osborn and Co., Ltd., of Clyde Steel  
Works, Sheffield.

The Police Reserve orders have  
been amended, and the monthly  
parade of Chinese and Indian Com-  
panies will take place on Wednes-  
day, December 17, instead of to-  
day, as previously notified.

An excellent concert of musical  
items has been arranged by the  
Kowloon branch of the Helena  
May Institute for the children for  
Friday at 5.30 p.m. The pro-  
gramme includes coon songs and  
dances, which have become a  
favourite with the children,  
classical dancing, songs and  
recitation.

The Committee of the Club  
Lusitano invites the members of  
the Club de Recreio, Associaçao  
Portuguesa de Socorros Mutuos,  
Liga Portuguesa and Club Lusitano  
and their families, and other mem-  
bers of the Portuguese Community  
to a reception to be held at the Club  
Lusitano to-day, at 6.15 p.m. In  
honour of H. E. The Minister for  
Portugal at Peking, Dr. Armando  
Naveiro.

## OPIUM HIDDEN IN A POLE.

COOLIE'S INGENUITY LANDS  
HIM IN COURT.

The reward for a coolie's inge-  
nuity in the concealment of illic-  
it opium was the imposition of a  
fine of \$2,000 and the confiscation  
of the drug by Mr. Lindsell at the  
Central Magistracy this morning,  
when the man was brought before  
the Court on a charge of unlawful  
possession of 24 tins of prepared  
opium.

Revenue Officer Grimmit pro-  
duced what appeared to be noth-  
ing but an ordinary bamboo carry-  
ing pole but the officer explained  
to his Worship that the pole had  
been severed and the two pieces  
telescoped into each other, with  
the opium concealed in the middle.

A length of rope was tied to the  
pole where the two ends met so  
as to conceal the joint, but a  
sagacious Revenue Officer dis-  
covered the man's secret and had  
him arrested.

On the man's admission of the  
offence, before the Magistrate,  
sentence of six months' hard la-  
bour was passed in default of  
payment of the fine of \$2,000.

## FINE WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports  
that the anticyclone over S.E.  
Kiangtong is central over the  
Lower Yangtze Valley. The de-  
pression has passed to the N.E. of  
the Bonins. Moderate monsoon  
will prevail along the S.E. coast of  
China and over the North China  
Sea. The local forecast is:—N.E.  
winds, moderate; fine.

## THE TURNING POINT IN MY CAREER.

## THOMAS BURKE.

The famous novelist tells how he discovered  
that Chief Clerks were not omnipotent.

MY life, like most other lives,  
has had so many turning  
points, so many blind alleys, so  
much barking back and restarting  
and inter-turning, that it is not  
easy to select any one as the mas-  
ter turn. But I think I can see  
one, that, if not the master, was,  
at any rate, of great importance  
to me.

The general public may think  
that the turning-point in the life  
of an author must come when he  
has his first work accepted,  
but when I was a 16-year-old  
office boy I was already a  
writer (printed and paid for)  
and I was aware of no turning-  
point in that. It seemed  
only to show that as I could, in the  
phrase of the training schools,  
write "well enough to get into  
print," I had better stick to that,  
and abandon my fond and appar-  
ently desperate hope of being a  
musician.

For it was music that first at-  
tracted me in my formative and  
green-sick desire for "expression."

I had heard Sarasate, and I  
went straightaway to the study of  
the violin. I practised on a  
cousin's fiddle, but, without a fid-  
dle of my own, progress was im-  
possible. I could not afford a  
fiddle, nor the incidental expense  
of strings and music, and as no-  
body showed any optimism about  
my musical promise I abandoned  
it in disgust.

## The Dreamer.

Then I heard Caruso, and I de-  
cided that the loveliest career in  
life was that of an opera singer. I  
tried to sing, but

However, the glamour of the  
idea remained, and through hours  
of wandering about London at  
night I would indulge my heart  
with idiotic dreams of myself  
singing at Covent Garden.

Well, dreams do sometimes  
come true, if not always in the  
shape we give them. This one  
did. It may be that the mental  
waves of my dreams were emitted  
with such force that they had to  
find some resting-place where they  
could reproduce themselves in  
palpable form. I don't know, I  
only know that I dreamed furiously  
of being an opera singer, of  
seeing my name on the Covent  
Garden bills—"Des Grieux"....

Thomas Burke—"Rodolfo"  
Thomas Burke—and at last I did  
see it there.

You may remember that in 1920  
Thomas Burke sang those roles at  
Covent Garden.

But that had nothing to do with  
me.

The obvious thing for me to do  
was to stop dreaming, and stick  
to writing; so I stuck to it. And  
about twice a year I was reward-  
ed by an acceptance and a slender  
cheque.

I then discovered that I really  
wanted to do nothing else but  
write, and I was chafed and gall-  
ed by my dreary nine-to-seven life

in the City, and my still drearier  
salary of 15s. a week. There were  
reasons, concerned with common  
human duty, which forbade me to  
throw up that job until I could  
foresee some equally regular in-  
come, and for three years I cast  
this way and that, trying to find a  
turning-point, or, failing that, to  
make one.

I think every established writer  
of that period must have been  
pestered by letters from me, offer-  
ing myself as literary secretary—I  
remember that Mr. Morley Roberts  
got a little peevish about it, and  
told me that the correspondence  
must cease—but the replies I re-  
ceived, though kind, afforded no  
opening.

Charlie Chaplin, Too.

So I just went on living a life  
that was like a nagging tooth-  
ache. At that time I was living  
in South London within two  
streets of another young man  
whom I did not then know, but  
who is now my friend. Although  
our lives differed slightly in ex-  
ternals, i.e., too, I have since learned,  
as living under that tooth-  
ache, as lonely and as youthfully  
bitter as I.

I was clerking and writing  
funny things now and then for  
"Ally Sloper," he was earning his  
living by falling out of stage-  
boxes. I saw him often at the  
cheaper music-halls in those Fred  
Karno monstrosities—the last  
step of the humour of the Eliz-  
abethan Bartholomew Fair—of  
course, without any idea that I  
was witnessing the antics of a  
world-art in embryo, without  
even noticing his name.

But I know now that if only we  
had met in those days we should  
have found a kindred soul. We  
were both at that time suffering  
from youth, both responsive to  
fine things that were out of reach,  
both surrounded by what we arro-  
gantly thought were creatures of  
coarser fibre than ourselves; and  
if I could have met him then, life  
would have lost half its aridity.

Not until 1921 did we meet,  
when the young man had become  
the world's "Charlie."

But about that turning-point. It  
concerns a foggy Monday morning  
in Eastcheap, a young man with  
indigestion, and a sharp-tongued  
chief clerk.

As I say, I had been casting  
about to find or to make a turning-  
point, but what I couldn't do, in-  
digestion, fog and Monday did for  
me.

There was a peremptory order,  
and a somewhat slow compliance.  
This led to a snappy remark,  
which I repeated audibly. Compli-  
ments pass when gentlefolk  
meet. When other folk meet, "re-  
marks" pass. Several passed on  
this occasion, until the clerk made  
a reference that touched me on  
a sore spot. Without thought of  
my obligations, I reached for a  
black ruler, with the deliberate  
and hearty intent of murder.

The Hebel.

For the first and only time in  
my life I knew the joy of having  
the world in my power, and, but  
for the indigestion, I might by  
now have just completed a long  
sentence for manslaughter. But  
my eye was out that morning. I  
was only four feet from the clerk,  
but I missed him, and killed in-  
stead the window of the board room  
door.

I then put on my cap, and walk-  
ed out swelling with the dignity of  
five-feet of rebellion.

That, I think, was my turning-  
point, and a very useful one, be-  
cause it put me out in the world,  
jobless, with no "character," or  
"reference," and no hope. I stood  
alone. The thing that I had not  
dared to do—to throw up my job  
before I had another—had been  
done for me. I had got my chance.  
I had escaped from servitude and  
the spirit of servitude. The rest  
was for me.

Was I, down-hearted? I was.  
But I discovered that for the do-  
ing of things, and for the hand-  
ling of troubles, the best state is  
that dogged, level state which  
comes when optimism has gone.  
I had escaped from ignoble safety  
into a prospect of misery. I had  
got out of it. And, of course,  
so responsive is the human tem-  
per to all demands put upon it,  
I got out. Simply because I had to.

I had learned that day that  
chief clerks were not gods—they  
were terrified of black rulers. It  
was a useful lesson. Then, and  
ever since, I saw troubles as chief  
clerks' mummings.



"But, Mother, how do you suppose I feel when you start  
that line about us always being taken for sisters?"



**RED THREAT ON NANYUNG.****URGENT APPEAL MADE TO CANTON FOR AID.****TROOPS BEING SENT.**

Canton, Dec. 9. Besieged by over 2,000 Communist bandits, who are opposed by a small number of village gendarmes in the outskirts of the city, Nanyung is in a state of great tension at present. According to an official communiqué from the Chinese Magistrate, the city is in danger of falling into "Red" hands in the event of reinforcements not being forthcoming from Canton at the earliest possible moment.

Defeated by the Nationalist forces in southern Kiangsi, the Communist hordes now assailing Nanyung are the same bands which have been responsible for the armies of plundering and massacres committed at Kianfu, Kishui and Nankang, during the past few months. Hard pressed by the Nationalist armies in Kiangsi, the bandits are retreating to Northern Kwangtung.

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**Threat to Railway.**

The apprehension in Canton for the safety of Nanyung is principally due to its nearness to Shikwan, the terminus of the Canton-Shikwan Railway. A Communist occupation of Nanyung or Shikwan would affect communication on this railway. At Shikwan there is a regiment of troops belonging to the 63rd Nationalist Division, sent there some weeks ago when the anti-Communist war commenced in Kiangsi, when a Communist retreat to Northern Kwangtung was anticipated.

**Canton to Help.**

Following the receipt of the Nanyung telegram, General Chen Chai-tong of the Canton Headquarters ordered the mobilisation of the 24th Brigade of the 62nd Nationalist Division, Kwangtung, and a large contingent of units of this Brigade was seen massing at the Canton-Shikwan Railway Station early this morning, awaiting entrainment for Shikwan en route to Nanyung.

Two special troop trains departed this morning and the vanguard is expected to arrive at Nanyung some time to-morrow. To ensure the tranquillity of other districts along this railway, Canton will dispatch a regiment to Yingtak in Northern Kwangtung and they may join in the war against the bandits at Nanyung if this is necessary. This regiment will leave on Thursday morning.

**WOMEN'S NEW DEMAND IN DRESS.****STYLE, NOT PRICE, SAYS EXPERT.**

If British manufacturers would only offer the right stuff the British woman would do her part in keeping the home looms turning, declares Mr. Edward H. Symonds, managing director of Messrs. Revell's, Ltd., and president of the British Fashions and Fabrics Bureau.

"Style competition has taken the place of price competition," he told Bradford textile manufacturers. "Bradford," he continued, "has the men, women, technicians, machines and commercial ability to produce exactly what the world of fashion demands. But this ability has not been turned to profitable account by your industry—a fact which is a mystery to everyone but the manufacturers themselves.

"No matter how good the quality, the modern woman will not buy material of unfashionable texture, colour and design."

Dancing, motor and outdoor sports had revolutionised the clothing of every class of women.

"We can build a great future for British trade," Mr. Symonds concluded, "by the marriage of industry and art."

**HONGKONG ART CLUB EXHIBITION.****CHARMING WORK OF LOCAL ARTISTS.**

Boldness and simplicity in the use of colours, and, in many cases, originality in the choice of subjects, feature the annual exhibition of the Hongkong Art Club, which opened in Lane Crawford's Restaurant this morning, attracting many visitors, who found much to excite interest and admiration in the works of local artists.

The standard of the exhibits is without doubt well up to past achievements, and the work of several new exhibitors contributes to the success.

Mr. Techeung Hong, who figures amongst the newcomers, displays some particularly interesting studies in pastels, his use of colours being most effective.

Mrs. M. O. Pister is again showing some splendid work, local scenes being extremely well depicted in a series of pastels.

Visitors cannot help being impressed by the very bold and wholly delightful studies by Mrs. Smyly, her Chinese temple scenes in water-colour being amongst the best in the exhibition.

Mrs. Shenton has a wide range of pictures. She has not confined herself to purely local scenes. A lake scene in the lower Rockies is a fine piece of art, the artist having given the subject worthy treatment. Three studies of Brittany cannot fail to attract, and a judicious use of colours is revealed in the scenes of Stanley and Deep Water Bay.

Miss Peyton has chosen Normandy for her chief subjects, her countryside scenes being characteristic of this charming corner of Europe. The Temple Gate and the Flor at Wei-hai-wei are also full of talent.

Commandant Caude's entries are made interesting by the versatility of the subjects presented. Interior views of de l'Eglise, St. Laurent (Paris) and de Notre Dame de Paris call for special attention, and there will be many to find especial delight in his depiction of local scenes, chiefly of native workers and street studies.

Mr. G. W. Arnold is responsible for striking the only real note of modernism, two of his works being excellent examples of this technique. He shows several other fine specimens of colour-work, though they follow more orthodox lines of treatment.

These are but a few of the exhibitors who contribute to an exhibition of outstanding merit. Equal pleasure will be found in studying the clever and original exhibits in the arts and crafts section by Mr. A. Abbot, Mrs. Danby, Dr. Newton, Lady Peel, Mrs. Pister and Mrs. Smyly, whose photographs, Christmas cards, plaques, statuettes, tapestry and miniatures, form a collection of attractive exhibits.

The complete list of exhibitors is as follows:—Mr. A. Abbot, Mrs. Knight Anstey, Mr. G. W. Arnold, Mrs. Baleen, Mrs. Balenn, Dr. Baleen, Mrs. C. B. Brown, Commandant Caude, Miss Maud Crawford, Mrs. Danby, Mrs. Franklin, Mrs. E. Grimble, Miss Harry, Mr. S. D. Iglesden, Mrs. Koop, Mr. A. J. Lane, Mrs. Macfadyen, Miss B. Macfadyen, Miss Phyllis L. Murray, Dr. I. Newton, Lady Peel, Miss Peyton, Mrs. M. O. Pister, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Mrs. Shenton, Mrs. Smyly, Mrs. Evan Stewart, Miss Marjorie Taylor, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Lander Lewis.

The exhibition will be continued throughout to-day and to-morrow.

**CORRESPONDENCE.****"Two Pictures."**

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—As bearing upon local and world-wide economic problems discussed in your columns at one time and another during the past few months I should like to give two pictures drawn from actual observation.

For many years now I have observed in this Colony gangs of workmen whose method of procedure is as follows:

Arriving on the job shortly after 8 a.m., they immediately sit down and rest till 10 a.m. From 10 a.m. till 11 a.m. a few of their number—never more than a fifth—do a little work in a leisurely fashion, the remaining crowd acting as spectators merely. From 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. seems to be the time and sleaze hour. From 2 p.m. till 3 p.m. a little work may be done. If so, it is done in exactly the same manner as that of the forenoon. After 3 p.m. they seemingly call it a day, and prepare for home. I have seen quite large jobs done in this manner—but at what a loss! The all-in cost must mean an expenditure of tens of dollars for every cent's worth of output. Can you wonder, Sir, that for most people times are hard?

I am fully convinced that the burden imposed upon industrious

**"OUR POOR" FETE RESULTS.****GROSS RECEIPTS MORE THAN \$20,000.****RAFFLE WINNERS.**

We are informed that the gross receipts during the whole day of the St. Vincent de Paul Fete were over \$9,000. Special thanks are due to the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank for allowing this money to be taken into the Bank at night, thus relieving the Committee of great responsibility. The total gross takings, including the sale of roses and motor-car tickets, amount to \$20,868.35.

**Raffle Results.**

The results of the various raffles held were as follows:

Surprise Cake.—Gold bracelet, Mrs. A. Xavier; one sovereign, Inspector Murphy.

Embroidered Bedspread.—1st prize, Mrs. P. Green; 2nd prize, Mr. P. A. Vyanovich; 3rd prize, Mr. J. M. Noronha; 4th prize, Mr. J. M. M. Alves.

Guessing Competition.—Turkey: Correct weight 14 lb. 7 oz. (Sergeant H. Daly, and Mr. J. Kuen); Ham: Correct weight 11 lb. (Mr. A. Wheeler); Goose: Correct weight 11 lb. 13 oz. (Miss C. E. Remedios).

**American Stall.**

1st Drawing.—1st, K. M. Tajati; 2nd, F. J. Tavares; 3rd, Edrez d'Aquino; 4th, J. M. Alves; 5th, M. d'Assumpcao.

2nd Drawing.—1st, Simon Tse; 2nd, Miss G. Chao; 3rd, Lam Wing-chin; 4th, Ho Hong; 5th, E. W. J. Sun.

3rd Drawing.—1st, K. Shoon; 2nd, J. Lewis; 3rd, H. Dixon; 4th, Chan Man-pin; 5th, K. James.

4th Drawing.—1st, Gelatly; 2nd, Jose Green; 3rd, K. C. Fong; 4th, Billy Alves; 5th, P. Gonzales.

5th Drawing.—1st, F. K. Mod; 2nd, Angelica Yau Sales; 3rd, Benny Omar; 4th, D. A. Xanilo; 5th, A. K. Chan.

6th Drawing.—1st, Galdia Costa; 2nd, E. Vao; 3rd, G. A. Nafra; 4th, J. Dohren; 5th, Wm. Dornblies.

7th Drawing.—Cancelled.

8th Drawing.—Cancelled.

**American Stall (Special).**

1st Drawing.—1st, Miss Lee; 2nd, L. A. Rozar; 3rd, Chan Wing-king; 4th, Lily Tsang; 5th, R. E. Marques.

2nd Drawing.—Cancelled.

3rd Drawing.—1st, F. H. Lopez; 2nd, Paul R. Kahn; 3rd, Chan Leung; 4th, Alice Lopez; 5th, Fawn.

4th Drawing.—1st, Joe Tavares; 2nd, H. Mahan Singh; 3rd, Cheong Licho; 4th, S. Lobato Faria; 5th, F. de la Cruz.

5th Drawing.—1st, F. C. Laurel; 2nd, J. Sit; 3rd, G. W. Cooper; 4th, M. d'Assumpcao; 5th, F. de la Cruz.

6th Drawing.—1st, Beatriz Soares; 2nd, J. V. Pereira; 3rd, D. S. Antonio; 4th, Ho Shai Yung; 5th, G. S. Donoghoe.

7th Drawing.—1st, A. Leong; 2nd, Esperanza Ribeiro; 3rd, B. D. Khara; 4th, D. Browning; 5th, J. J. Walsh.

8th Drawing.—1st, Lee Hui-kok; 2nd, F. Malof; 3rd, G. K. Moorwood; 4th, H. Dunnice; 5th, King Kow & Co.

**Acknowledgment.**

The Bazaar Committee wish to acknowledge with grateful thanks gifts to the Bazaar from:—The Sun Co., Ltd., the Kowloon Confectionery and Bakery, The Italian Convent, the British American Tobacco, the Orient Tobacco Manufacturing, the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., the Dairy Farm Co., Messrs. D. Hutchison & Co., Messrs. C. Chan & Co., Messrs. Lane Crawford's Ltd., Messrs. Wasthamill Asomull & Co., Messrs. H. Buttice & Son, Messrs. Green & Co., The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. for the free illumination which was most effective, the St. Lewis Industrial School Band which rendered most pleasing selections throughout the evening, and to the Press for their ever-ready courtesy and publicity.

communities by this insane policy of utility is the main cause throughout the world preventing post-war rehabilitation.

Now for the other picture.

At the same time that my attention was first directed to these men there were working quite adjacent a large number of men under foreign contract. These latter, native and foreign alike, were on the job "Sunday and Monday" from 6 a.m. till 6 p.m., working with an energy I have never seen equalled except by the bee or peasant farmer. Their output was tremendous.

What is the result? Some weeks ago you published as a news item that this Company, working up North, had secured an immense five-year contract, and was starting immediately with a nucleus of 2,500 men.

All of which, Sir, goes to prove your contention that there is no real over-production, that even despite the terrible handicap imposed on a war-wrecked world by those who sheltered themselves, that mind how others weather the storm, there is still reward for effort, and scope for value-for-money production.—Yours, etc., BUSINESS.

**WEIGHING MACHINE STOLEN.****TWO CHINESE SENT TO PRISON.**

Two Chinese were charged before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with larceny and were each sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

The first defendant was charged with having stolen from No. 17, Argyle Street, on December 3, a weighing machine and 70 catties of rice, the property of Ho Kiu-on, the landlord of No. 19, Argyle Street. The second defendant was charged in respect to the theft of the weighing machine only and four weights.

Sub-Inspector Evans said that No. 17 was a rice shop owned by a man who had absconded because he could not pay his rent. The premises were closed up by the complainant, who was subsequently taken into the premises on December 3, but he could not say if the defendants were two of them. The defendants were arrested on information when they tried to sell the rice at 886, Canton Road, where they were living. The machine had been sold to a marine hawk for \$12. It was valued at \$20. The rice was valued at \$36.

**"CUT-THROAT FREIGHTS."****CONDITIONS IN SHIPPING TRADE WITH CONTINENT.**

Manchester, Nov. 10. The cut-throat competition in carrying freight between the United Kingdom and the Continent was referred to at the first annual meeting of the North Atlantic Shippers' Conference in Manchester to-day.

The Chairman, Mr. J. H. C. Hodgson, President of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce, pointed out that the Committee had undertaken to do all in its power to maintain the best conditions for cargo moving over the North Atlantic route. Never within present-day memory had trade been subject to such keen competition.

"We have fully made up our minds (Mr. Hodgson said) that it is unreasonable to expect the Lines to effect wholesale reductions of their tariff to the level of rates operating from the Continent. We have come to that opinion, if for no other reason than that there is no level to Continental rates. We have been authoritatively satisfied that in numerous cases rates from Antwerp and Hamburg are unremunerative to those who accept them."

"Certain of the British Lines do run from north Continental ports, and the cut-throat competition which exists over there is a matter of great concern to them. Shippers from the United Kingdom enjoy one certain advantage, namely, that which comes from hard and fast regularity of sailings. The position on the Continent is different. Tramp methods are employed, and the freight market is distinctly of the cut-throat type. I, personally, cannot visualise that these are conditions which British shippers would wish for themselves."

**MAN WHO ROBBED HAWKER.****PRISON SENTENCE AND A BIRCHING.**

Remanded from yesterday, the case against Chan Fo, charged with the theft of a metal wrist watch, two suits of Chinese clothing, a woollen waistcoat, a blanket, a quilt, an electric torch and fifty cents in money, the property of Kung Wak-chan, a fruit hawker at the Mongkok Theatre, came up before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Sergeant Browne, who produced the record of the defendant, preferred a fresh charge of having returned from banishment. The defendant was banished in 1929 for a period of ten years.

On his pleading guilty to both charges, Mr. Butters imposed sentence of six months on the first charge and six months and 24 strokes on the second, the sentences to run consecutively.

**GOVERNMENT WORK.**

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, in answer to Sir G. Penny, in the House of Commons, said: The appointment of 63 Commissions and Committees has been announced since the present Government took office. Thirteen are Standing Committees. Of the remainder fourteen have issued a report or reports.

Captain Crookshank (C. Galnaborough)—Is the personnel of these Committees included in the 160,000 persons to whom the Government have given work under their schemes? (Laughter.)

**CEMENT COMPANY EXPANSION.****COURT GRANTS CHANGE IN MEMORANDUM.****REASONS OUTLINED.**

An application for the Memorandum of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., to be altered in accordance with a special resolution passed by shareholders, was granted by Mr. Justice Wood in the Supreme Court this morning. The application was made by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, of Messrs. Denisons.

Counsel pointed out that the Company started business in 1889 and said it was the usual case of a Company formed many years ago desiring to bring its Memorandum into modern form. A petition on file gave reasons why the alterations were asked for, in which it was pointed out that changing conditions of modern commerce required the alterations if the Company was to carry on its business successfully.

That petition was supported by an affidavit by Mr. John Scott Harrison, Chairman of the Company, who had been a Director for five and a half years, and who spoke to the necessity of the alterations.

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. Potter said the resolution was passed unanimously; there were no dissentients. If there were any dissentients, the present was the time for them to appear, but none were present.

Speaking of the additional powers given, counsel said that 90 per cent. of the new Memorandum was clearly the implied terms of the old Memorandum.

His Lordship granted the application, it being agreed that Mr. Macnamara should draw up the order and submit it to his Lordship for approval.

**Company's History.**

The Company was incorporated on March 22, 1889. The capital is \$6,000,000, Hongkong currency, divided into 800,000 shares of \$7.50 each, of which 400,000 shares of \$7.50 each are fully paid-up, and 400,000 shares of \$7.50 each which are paid-up to the extent of \$1. The objects of the Company were the manufacture and sale of cement, lime, bricks and the purchase of the Green Island Cement Company Limited, of their rights in the Green Island, Macao, and of their works, goodwill, business, machinery and stock-in-trade (including, both assets and liabilities) for the price of \$500,000 in 10,000 fully paid-up shares of \$50 each, . . . and of doing all such matters and things as were incidental to the carrying on of the business.

Shortly after incorporation the Company commenced business and had been carrying on ever since with considerable success.

The proposed extension of the objects of the Company is required, it is stated in an affidavit, to enable the Company to carry on its business more economically and efficiently, and also to carry on certain business and classes of business which, under the existing circumstances, might conveniently and advantageously be combined with the business of the Company.

The affidavit continues that during the course of its business the Company has accumulated a reserve of upwards of \$900,000 and the capital has been increased from \$1,000,000 to \$6,000,000. It has now a large and continually extending connexion and it has extensive opportunities of doing business of the character authorised by the proposed extension of objects, and experience has shown that its objects, as they stood, were inconveniently restricted, and that its existing business was detrimentally affected by the absence of powers which would be conferred by the objects set out in the resolution.

The Company has ample working capital and its assets are far more than sufficient to pay all its debts and to make good the whole of its paid-up capital and, moreover, has plenty of capital to work its business and the proposed additional business. No-one, says the affidavit, will be prejudiced by the proposed alteration.

**SUGAR MARKETS.****THE LATEST QUOTATIONS BY CABLE.**

The following cabled quotations at the close of the sugar markets yesterday have been received by Messrs. Pentreath and Company:

**London Terminals.**

March 1931 6/4 down 1/4 d.  
May 1931 6/5 1/2 down 1/4 d.  
August 1931 6/9 1/2 down 1/4 d.  
December 1931 7/1 1/2 down 1/4 d.

**New York Terminals.**

March 1931 1.40 no change.  
May 1931 1.48 no change.  
July 1931 1.55 no change.  
September 1931 1.62 no change.  
December 1931 1.67 down 1 pt.  
Telegram from Java.—Trust sales on 8th instant: 2,000 tons whites, 18.00; 2,000 tons browns, 17.00.

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## CUSTOMS SCHEME AT KOWLOON.

GEN. CHAN MING-SHU  
MAKES REPORT.

Canton, Dec. 8.  
In the course of a long speech at the Provincial Kuomintang Office this morning, before a big gathering of prominent Canton military and political leaders, His Excellency the Canton Governor, General Chan Ming-shu, referred to the work of the Fourth Kuomintang Plenary Session, and made reference to the reasons for the breakdown of the Sino-British negotiations for the establishment of a Chinese Maritime Customs House, at Kowloon.

General Chan Ming-shu said that negotiations for the establishment of a Kowloon Maritime Customs House, with a view to strengthening the preventive service of the Customs in Kwangtung, were first conducted between the Chinese Maritime Customs Inspector-General and the British authorities sometime last year when the discussions failed on account of Nanking's inability to come to terms with the British.

### Nanking Sceptical.

After reference was made to his conferences with Mr. Wu Han-min, Chairman of the Legislative Council, and Mr. Wang Chung-hui, Chairman of the Judicial Council, concerning the advisability of the Kuomintang Government supporting the scheme for the opening of a Kowloon Customs House, General Chan Ming-shu mentioned that about five hours prior to the opening of the Kuomintang Conference, when the proposal for the establishment of the Kowloon Customs House was to be put to the meeting for final sanction, a brief telegram was received from the Kuomintang Government informing the Nanking State Council that the British officials, who negotiated with the Inspector-General of the Maritime Customs, had consented to the Nanking suggestion, provided the latter would cancel the project of opening the free-port at Chungshan. The matter was discussed with Messrs Wang Chung-hui and Wu Han-min and, at the suggestion of the two leaders, a proposal was submitted to the Kuomintang Conference advocating a postponement of the idea to form a new Kowloon Customs House.

### Decentralisation Plan.

Commenting on his second recommendation to the Kuomintang Conference, concerning a plan for the elevation of the authority of the District Magistrates in the Provinces, the Canton Governor emphasised that, according to prevailing practice, the Provincial Government controlled all districts and consequently the Districts had to refer all matters relating to education and construction to the Provincial Council before carrying out any such programmes.

General Chan said that the District Magistrates must be given more power to conduct civil affairs, and it was to facilitate administrative work in the districts that the Central Government was approached to raise the power of the Magistrate.

### Kuomintang Reform.

Deploping the chaotic state of the Kuomintang departments in North China districts or *loans*, General Chan said he was greatly impressed with the lack of discipline in the Kuomintang departments in districts which he passed through while visiting Nanking. Unless the Kuomintang organisations were reformed the time would come when they would interfere even with the administration of a Provincial Government. For instance, in Anhui Province there were between fifty to sixty districts where the Kuomintang was making such exorbitant demands for funds, for the dissemination of Kuomintang propaganda, that many had reported that the demands from the Kuomintang exceeded the total revenue of the districts. When the Provincial Government leaders failed to comply with the demands of the Kuomintang the latter threatened even to dismiss the Provincial authorities. In districts in Chihli and Shantung some district Kuomintangs had even gained control of the revenues of the District Treasury.

General Chan said that, as an observer, he believed that public opinion in these districts was against the Kuomintang representatives for seizing money belonging to the district treasury thus postponing educational and administrative programmes. General Chan concluded by saying that while at Nanking he had, on many occasions, conferred with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and other leaders who were unanimous in expressing the opinion that while all military power should be concentrated at

## BRITISH OFFICER SHOT DEAD.

TRAGEDY ON LAHORE  
PARADE GROUND.

Lahore, Dec. 9.  
Captain F. J. McClenaghan, of the Eighth Punjab, has been shot dead on the parade ground by a sepoy, who ran amok and also shot an Indian sergeant, then finally committed suicide.—*Reuter*.

[There is a possible cable mutilation of the initials. The Army List gives only one Captain McClenaghan, in the Indian Army. This is Capt. P. J. W. McClenaghan, M.C.]

### Five Men Arrested.

Calcutta, Dec. 9.  
As a sequel to the assassination of Lt. Col. Simpson, the police this morning searched several houses in Dacca and arrested five Bengalis, including Probat Nag, a graduate of the Pusa Agricultural College, and Kamakhya Mukherjee, a student of the Dacca Medical School.—*Reuter*.

### Situation in India.

London, Dec. 9.  
The Government of India's weekly review of the situation in India says that hope alternates with anxiety as to the outcome of the Round Table Conference but the feeling is growing that it represents a very important constructive effort meriting the goodwill of all with the interests of India at heart.

Regarding events in India, the review says that in the United Provinces agitation is more or less moribund in the towns, and meetings and processions have lost much of their previous attraction. In the countryside the people are friendly, but anxious, as in most other provinces, about their difficulties in selling their produce.

In Bihar and Orissa, the civil disobedience movement seems less popular, but several violent incidents have occurred.

In Assam it is reported there is an improvement in the political situation, despite attempts to continue the educational boycott, upon which Congress opinion seems divided.

Clashes have occurred in Bombay and Karachi, and during terrorist outrages in Chandpur, in Benegal.

It is believed the wrecking of a mail train in Burma some weeks ago was the work of the Bengal Revolutionary Party, and several arrests have been made.—*British Wireless*.

## THE MEUSE VALLEY "POISON" FOG.

PROFESSOR'S STATEMENT  
AT ENQUIRY.

Brussels, Dec. 9.  
At the opening of the official enquiry into the Meuse valley fog deaths, at which the Premier, M. Jaspard, was present, Professor Nolf, who is president of the Belgian Red Cross, emphatically declared that uncontaminated fog could not kill anyone.

This statement aroused very lively interest, as supporting rumours that the deaths were due to poisonous fumes from factories. M. Baels, the Minister of the Interior, was appointed chairman of the committee.

Representatives of the committee who visited Engis to study the matter on the spot reported that enquiry was very difficult, as the fog had disappeared by the time they reached Engis.—*Reuter*.

[Altogether 69 deaths occurred in a few days, mostly of old people and persons with lung affections.]

## KOREA'S POPULATION.

AN INCREASE OF 1,535,000  
IN FIVE YEARS.

Tokyo, Dec. 9.  
The population of Korea, according to the census taken on October 1, is 21,057,000, an increase of 1,535,000 since 1925.

The total for the whole Japanese Empire, including Formosa and Saghalien, is 90,404,000, an increase of 6,947,000 in the past five years.—*Reuter*.

[The census, as announced in a cable published yesterday, puts the population of Japan proper at 64,447,000, being an increase of 4,017,000 since 1925.]

Nanking and while all Provincial military should not interfere with the civil and financial administrations of the Provincial Government, it was high time that the Kuomintang officials endeavoured to work in harmony with district civil administrators for the welfare of the public. In short, there should be a clear demarcation drawn between the civil and military leaders and complete co-operation between the civil and Kuomintang departments.

## DEATH OF FATHER RICARD.

EXPONENT OF THE SUN SPOT  
WEATHER THEORY.

San Jose, Calif., Dec. 9.  
The death has occurred of Father Jerome Sixtus Ricard, the exponent of the theory of the influence of sun spots on the weather.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Father Jerome Ricard, Jesuit priest and professor of astronomy and meteorology at Santa Clara College, California, devoted his life to the evolution of a theory of the effect upon terrestrial weather conditions induced by solar spots and prominences. He claimed that by applying principles which he had laid down, weather forecasting could be done far in advance.

Father Ricard was born in Plaisance, France, in 1851, and obtained his preliminary education in the schools of Turin, Italy. He went to the United States in 1873 and studied at Woodstock College, Maryland. He joined the Catholic Society of Jesus just before leaving Italy. He obtained the degree of doctor of philosophy at Santa Clara in 1887, and since that time was a member of the faculty of that institution. He abandoned active teaching of mathematics and moral philosophy many years ago.

The Santa Clara priest started his observation of sunspots and tabulation of their effect, as he saw it, upon weather conditions in 1900. He started with a ten-day forecast, increased it to a month, then two months and finally one season.

Other scientists refused to accept his theory and many of the later years of his life Father Ricard devoted to the defence of his beliefs and in work simplifying his astronomical principles.

"The Padre of the Rains," however, had many followers and his monthly bulletins were regarded as infallible by many Californians who would accept his forecasts and no other.

Father Ricard was a member of several scientific societies, publishing several pamphlets and edited his regular forecasts for the state. He also published a regular seismographic record from data gathered by the delicate instrument he had installed at Santa Clara some years ago.

## HOURS OF MINERS.

BRITAIN, GERMANY AND  
POLAND DISCUSS.

London, Dec. 9.

The Minister for Mines, Mr. Shinwell, is continuing his efforts to ensure that the next International Labour Conference, in June, shall put through a convention to regulate miners' hours.

The three countries most concerned are Britain, Germany and Poland, and, as the *Manchester Guardian* points out, a prior agree-

## THE USE OF GOLD RESERVES.

A REVIEW OF THE WORLD  
SITUATION.

London, Dec. 9.  
Considerable attention is being paid in business circles both in London and New York, to the hope expressed by the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. William Graham, that "American and British financial authorities will be able to arrive at an agreement in the use of gold reserves, which will provide on a sound basis a great credit structure, and so minister to a common recovery. That necessarily depends on the Central Banks, but the British Government is alive to the necessities of the situation."

The *Times* City Editor discourages the view that an event of importance is impending, and although rumours were current in New York yesterday, the Federal Reserve Board remained silent. New York bankers are reported as declaring that they saw no hope of any distribution of gold through the capital market until political conditions in Europe are more stable.

### America's Position.

The *Times* points out that America holds about half of the world's monetary gold stock, acquired in a perfectly legitimate way. "This will not be reduced unless her trade balance becomes adverse, which would compel her to export gold in payment or until she embarks upon an active foreign lending policy, which would give borrowers the right to draw gold from America. America has in part largely increased her foreign lendings this year, compared with last year, but this has made very little difference to her gold stock, which is nearly \$30,000,000 higher than it was a year ago. She has lent relatively little to Europe, probably because there is a dearth of really good borrowers.

Britain, being more adventurous in foreign finance, and having more vested interests concerned in lending money abroad, has been less careful, but much of her lending proved unwise.

France, and not America, has been the principal taker of gold in the world's market since the spring of 1927, and she has ample gold reserves with which to undertake large foreign business if she desired. But, like America, France does not feel the necessary confidence in foreign borrowers."—*British Wireless*.

ment between them would practically ensure the conclusion of an effective convention. Mr. Shinwell has already seen the German Minister of Labour, and yesterday and today is meeting representatives of the Polish Government. His discussions with them have extended to the possibilities of an international agreement on production.



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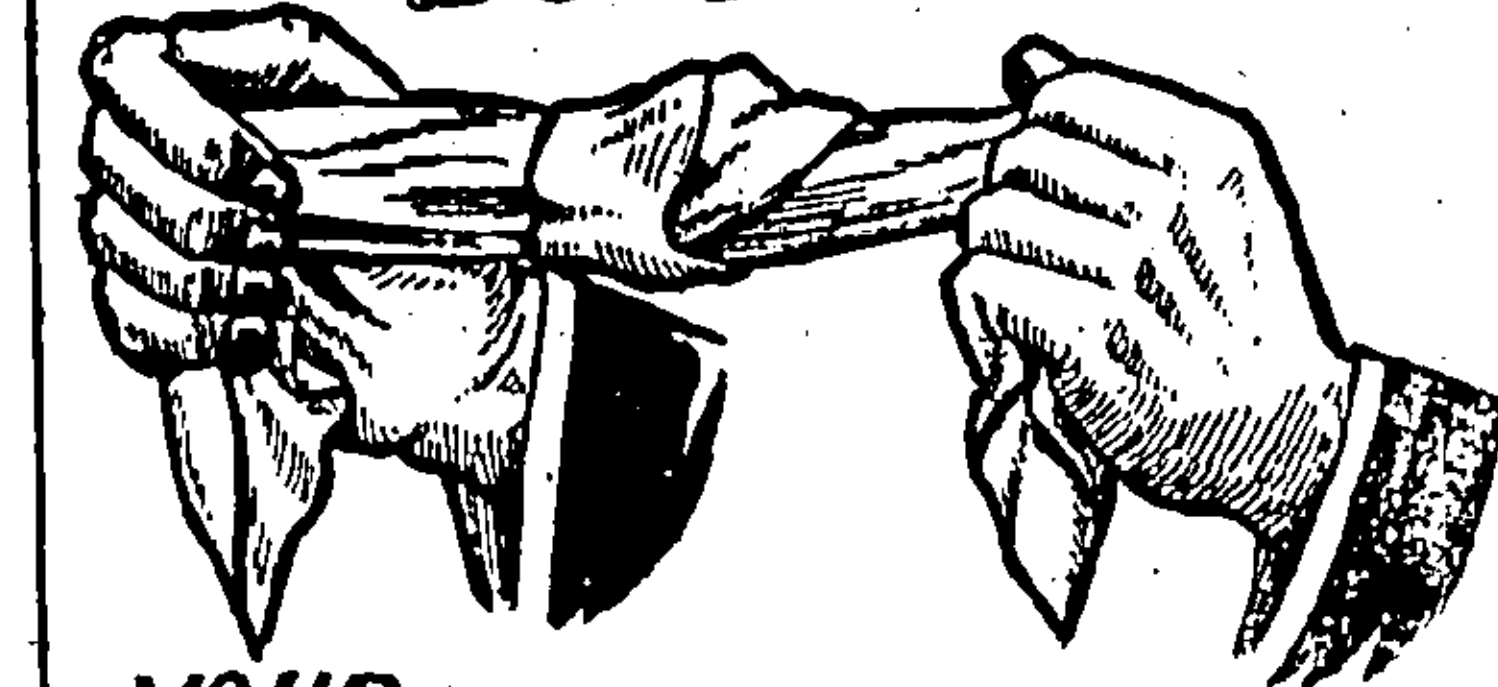
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Meanwhile, particular attention, it is stated, is being directed to the question of hours in British coalfields, and Mr. Shinwell is reported to be considering the advisability of a joint discussion between the owners, and miners to reach a compromise, to become effective when, in July the Miners' Eight Hours Act lapses. It is suggested that the reduction of hours might be to 7½ or 7¼ hours a day, instead of to a seven-hour day, which otherwise would be restored when the present Act lapses.—*British Wireless*.



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### EXPLORER'S LECTURE.

#### STORY OF EXPEDITIONS TO THE KARAKORUM.

On Monday night, at the University Hall, before a large and appreciative gathering of members of the Dutch community and University undergraduates, Mr. Th. C. Visser, of the Dutch Diplomatic Service, and attaché to the Dutch Legation in Stockholm, and also a noted explorer, delivered an interesting lecture, illustrated with some very striking and vivid lantern slides, on 'The fourth Karakorum Expedition,' which was undertaken by his wife and himself and three others.

In introducing the lecturer, Professor R. G. Robertson, Dean of the Arts Faculty, said that the Arts Society was privileged to be addressed by Mr. Visser, who had gained for himself great reputation as an explorer in the Himalayas and Karakorum. It was very rarely that the undergraduates of the University had the privilege of listening to one who had travelled in the solitary parts of the world, and one who had set his foot in places where nobody else had done so, and who came back with new information and knowledge about the process of land formation.

Mr. Visser, said the speaker, belonged to that small but select band of men, who found their delight in travelling to places where, instead of life and cultivation, there was solitude and the desolation of the mountains. Mr. Visser and his wife had spent several years in studying the range of mountains in the north of India, a range which had been visited by a small band of explorers of different nationalities. And in that band Mr. and Mrs. Visser took an honoured place.

In Central Asia, Mr. Visser began by thanking the President for the kind words which he had spoken about him, and he said he considered it a great favour to lecture to that distinguished gathering.

The purpose of their expedition, he said, was to explore the unknown places in the high mountains of Central Asia, especially the Karakorum. They went to Central Asia on three occasions, and on four occasions to the Karakorum. The first was in 1922, the second in 1925, and the other two in 1929 and 1930.

The lecturer vividly recounted the dangers which they had to meet and the difficulties they had to overcome. An expedition into the Karakorum, he said, was more dangerous than to the Himalayas, because of the extreme barrenness of the mountains. The highest point in the Himalayas was Mount Everest which was 29,002 feet high, while the highest in the Karakorum was 28,400 feet. On several occasions they had reached a height of 22,000 feet, and at one time, for a period of five weeks they were working at a height of over 18,000 feet.

The Karakorum mountains were parallel to the Himalayas. The Karakorum Pass was not really a Pass, but was a range of mountains north of the Karakorum.

With regard to the physiological features, he said, it was much more difficult to work at that great height than on the sea level as the rarer atmosphere rendered the functioning of the brain slower.

They were extremely thankful to the coolies for everything they did for them. They could not have gone to the Karakorum without the help of the coolies. At times the coolies refused to go beyond a certain point saying that it was impossible, and they had always to set the initiative before the coolies could be induced to follow.

They had many difficulties to encounter. The chief one was the language difficulty. Everything had to be translated three times before the coolies could be made to understand what was required of them.

Among the dangers they experienced, the principal were snow storms and stone avalanches. On one occasion they were caught in a snow storm which lasted for three days and three nights, and it was the only time when he could really say that they got homesick. The temperature during this storm reached 20 degrees below zero.

At the conclusion of the lecture, Professor Robertson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was carried with acclamation.

### FORMOSA QUAKE.

#### FOUR PEOPLE DEAD; MANY HOUSES WRECKED.

Tokyo, Dec. 9. The War Office reports that four people are dead and nine seriously injured as a result of an earthquake at Formosa yesterday. Six persons were slightly injured, and 57 houses were completely demolished. The shock also partially destroyed 200 buildings.

The authorities at Tainan are carrying out relief measures.

Reuter.

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PENINSULA HOTEL

Wednesday, 31st December, 1930. New Year's Eve Carnival Dinner Dance  
8.30 p.m. to 2 a.m.—Dinner \$6 per person.  
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Thursday, 1st January 1931. New Year's Day Tea Dance—4.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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### FALSE PRETENCES CASE FAILS.

#### COLLECTED MONEY FOR CONSTABLE.

Five hawkers gave evidence, before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, in the case in which Wai Po, a hawker, was charged with having collected 55 cents by means of false pretences from hawkers in Shanghai and Reclamation Streets, Yau-mat.

All their evidence was to the effect that the defendant came to them and asked them for ten or five cents, which he said he was collecting on behalf of the constable on duty to save them from being arrested.

The defendant said that on November 23, he was hawking at the junction of Shanghai Street and Soy Street, when the Chinese constable came up to him and asked him to collect money from the hawkers in Shanghai, Reclamation and Soy Streets. Defendant refused to do so, whereupon the con-

stable proceeded to kick him until he agreed to collect the money. The constable asked him to meet him at Hamilton Road when he had finished collecting the money. Ip Yau was one of the hawkers from whom the constable had asked him to get money. Some time later, Ip Yau's wife came to him and said that her husband had been arrested by the constable, after he had paid the ten cents to save him from being arrested. Defendant saw the constable marching Ip Yau to the station and he told the constable 'My brother, you have asked me to collect money from this man, and now you arrest him'. The constable refused to listen to him. He then gave the constable the 55 cents which he had collected, but the constable threw it away. Some time later, when defendant was standing near his stall, he saw Ip Yau, the constable and another detective approaching him. The detective asked him to accompany them to the station as the inspector wanted to see him.

A fold of the defendant also gave evidence.

Mr. Butters, remarking that the

### FLIGHT LIEUT. HILL RESUMES.

#### BOAT LENT KINGSFORD SMITH RETURNED TO HIM.

Flight Lieut. Hill, whose machine was damaged two months ago, has resumed his flight to Australia, and has arrived at Birmingham from Sourabaya.

Spare aeroplane parts were sent him from Australia, also the collapsible boat which he lent Kingsford Smith.

Mrs. Hill is awaiting her husband in Australia. Reuter. [It will be recalled that Flight Lieut. Hill was making excellent progress when he had a mishap, within a couple of days of reaching Australia. Kingsford Smith had just caught him up in the record-breaking flight from England, and Hill gave the other his collapsible boat, saying "I shan't need it now."]

alleged false pretences had not been proved discharged the defendant.







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These two ships, to be the largest, most modern, and palatial merchant marine vessels ever turned out in American yards, are the forerunners of a fleet of four queens of the sea contemplated in the Dollar Steamship Lines' building programme. They will be the last word in American ship construction planned with the idea of providing the maximum luxury, comfort and safety.

The President Hoover will go into service at New York, in June, 1931, in a route comprising California, Honolulu, Japan, China, Manila, returning over the same route.

For months past captains of the Dollar Round-the-World liners have been collecting a portion of water from the oceans traversed on their voyage. Yesterday the waters were complete with a sample from the Atlantic, Pacific, China Sea, Indian Ocean, Arabian Sea, Red Sea, and Mediterranean Sea, and were released to the sea by the first lady of the President Hoover when the largest American-built merchant marine vessel sped down the ways of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company.

Since time immemorial ships have been christened with flags of wine and bottles of crystal water but a happy thought of R. Stanley Dollar gives to the President Hoover the distinction of a new ship starting on its launching voyage under the aegis of sea waters of many climes, diverse longitudes and far-spaced latitudes.

To Mrs. Herbert Hoover goes the honour of being the first President's wife in national history to sponsor a ship named after her husband.

The new Dollar liners will be steel twin-screw vessels, nine decks, with eight raked stem and semi-cruiser stern and with two stacks and masts. Their length will be 653 feet, depth 52 feet, beam 81 feet, displacement tonnage 31,000, gross tonnage 23,000 and deadweight 15,800, with 67,000 cubic feet of refrigerated cargo space. They will have a total passenger capacity all classes of 1,260 and accommodations for a crew of 300. The sea speed of the new ships will be 21 knots.

A de luxe hotel at sea adequately describes the new ships, equipped with elevators, swimming pools, sand beach, gymnasium, children's playroom, soda fountain, veranda cafe, smoking rooms, library, private dining rooms, tea rooms, music and dance saloons, talking picture theatre, shopping lobby, broadcasting system, stock exchange rooms, writing rooms, beauty parlour, automobile garage, telephones in every room, and any other convenience to be found in a leading metropolitan hotel. The heating and cooling systems serving the ships will be of the most modern construction, capable of providing a given temperature to an exact degree.

The new ships will have rooms for 320 first class passengers and 140 special class, the balance of the total passenger carrying space of 1,260 being devoted to other classes. The staterooms are spacious, well-lighted and with perfect ventilation and heating facilities.

The main dining saloon will accommodate the entire first class passenger list at one sitting. Tables seating two, four, six and eight persons will be set about the commodious room. The Captain's table is designed to seat

sixteen and as a novel feature there will be a bachelors' table of twelve seats. The special class dining saloon will be relatively commodious.

## De Luxe Suites.

Four de luxe suites consisting of sea veranda, living room, bedroom, and bath, will be located amidships on the first deck, devoted to passenger accommodations. These suites will be artistic in the extreme, the expert of modern furnishings surpassing any similar rooms afloat to-day. In two French period furniture will predominate and in the other, furniture of modern style. Under the expert direction of one of the nation's foremost interior decorators all of the public rooms and staterooms of the new ships will be works of art, the furnishings and fittings representing a fortune.

The special class accommodations will be a revelation to ocean travellers, that division of the ships being far superior to any yet offered to the public by any line.

One of the outstanding public rooms will be the veranda cafe, a spacious lounge, thirty by eighty feet, with glass enclosed, cool, and providing excellent view facilities. Spaciousness in promenades, public rooms, lobbies and staterooms of the new vessels is the aim of the builders. Hardwood walls and mirrors and bright, artistic decoration will soften ship atmosphere and make the two latest "President" liners real homes afloat.

## Turbo-Electric.

The method of propulsion for these new vessels is what is commonly known as the "turbo electric" drive. It is a combination of the principal characteristics of the common steam turbine drive and the more modern method of driving a vessel with large synchronous alternating current electric motors.

The main propelling machinery consists of the following: two latest type marine steam turbines; two alternating current generators, directly connected to the turbines; two main propulsion motors of the synchronous induction type; one control apparatus for the above, which consists of a main operating panel complete with switches, current controls, and other necessary equipment; two direct current motor driven exhaust fans, for venting the main propulsion machinery.

The method of operation is traced thus. Steam is generated in the boiler rooms, as on any steam driven vessel, and carried to the steam turbines. These turbines operate the two main generators, which in turn furnish power for the main propelling units. The whole system is controlled from the main operating panel and the speed of the main engines is controlled through the steam turbines.

The principal items of auxiliary machinery are: cargo winches, refrigeration machines, ventilating system, heating apparatus, cooking equipment.

The cargo winches on these vessels will be electrically operated, and absolutely noiseless. They are designed for high speed loading and unloading. Refrigeration machinery will consist of the latest type machines of both the cooled air process and the brine system, and will be able to hold temperatures as low as 5 degrees without variation. Special compartments for the exclusive carrying of vegetables are also fitted.

## Ideal Ventilation.

Ventilation will be of the mechanical type. Fresh air will be forced into all rooms and passageways by means of electrically operated ventilating fans, leaving nothing to natural draft, and which will assure all living quarters of an ample supply of pure fresh air. This will be taken into the system from vents on the boat deck. These mechanical ventilators will be thermo-controlled, which will guarantee a continual, steady temperature at a comfortable degree.

All public spaces, such as the dining room, smoking room, etc., will be heated by steam, and all staterooms will be heated by electricity. All kitchen devices will be electrically operated and of the latest type. All ranges, ovens, and broilers will be equipped with electrical heat.

A feature which will add to the safety of the vessel is that all water-

tight doors throughout the ship will be electrically controlled direct from the bridge. This means that in the event of accident of any kind, all water-tight doors throughout the ship can be closed within 15 to 30 seconds. Electrically operated boat davits will be employed, insuring great safety in launching boats.

The most modern navigating machinery in force will form the bridge equipment of the new vessels. U. S. Navy type of compasses, Sperry gyro devices, radio direction finders, sonic depth finders, searchlights and a multitude of navigation's aids will be employed.

## A Big Garage.

A garage to accommodate one hundred cars will be part of the equipment of each ship. A machine shop to permit ordinary repairs and servicing of automobiles will be an adjunct of the garage unit. Cars will be driven aboard through side ports.

The public rooms, lounges, and writing rooms of the two vessels will be identical marvels of comfort and art. Indirect lighting will be the system of illumination.

The main entrance lobby off the promenade deck will be a spacious room with inlaid walls of satin wood and pilasters of walnut and gold. The room will be enhanced by a sparkling fountain built in mosaic. The main lounge, a spacious room 45 by 53 feet, will be set off by walls of carved satin wood and ivory panels. The furniture, carpets, and hangings were specially made for this room as well as for all other public rooms of the vessels.

Taking picture equipment, a stage and an inlaid dance floor will be among the entertainment attractions offered.

Art of the Spanish-California type will mark the smoking room with walls of well matched wood. Opposite the fire place will be a tapestry executed by a group of nationally known artists illustrating an episode in the story of Rip Van Winkle.

This room will be designed for the fair sex as well as for male occupancy. At the forward end of the promenade deck, connected to the main lounge by paneled doors, will be the writing room. Five French windows, art furniture of unique design and bright hangings will add to the comfort of the room.

The library will be a spacious room with soft, indirect lighting. Inlaid and hard wood will form the decorative scheme. Possibly one of the most popular public rooms will be the Veranda Cafe, which will run the full width of the ship and will have a semi-outdoor atmosphere when desired through opening the long L-shaped windows. Tenkwood floors, ornamental wall panels, palms and tropical verdure will make the room exceedingly cheerful.

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Sonata in B Flat-Allegretto.

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Marcel Dupre. 438.

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Land of Hope and Glory.

Reginald Foort. 1529.

7.30-8.15 p.m. Selections From

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11th The Deck.

Savoy Orpheans. 1408.

The Chocolate Soldier-Title Song.

The Chocolate Soldier-Symphony.

W. Metville and D. Oldham. 1502.

The Love Parade-Gems.

Sunny Side Up-Gems.

Victor Light Opera Co. 36008.

Song of the Sea-Gems.

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Virginia-Selections.

Funny Face-Selections.

New Mayfair Orchestra. 1548.

Five O'Clock Girl-Selections.

Love Lies-Selections.

New Mayfair Orchestra. 1608.

8.25-8.50 p.m. Hand Selections.

Air De Ballet. b. Callithoe.

Par Des Cymbales.

The Band of H. M. Coldstream

Guards. 1501.

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8.50-9 p.m.

The Gentle Maiden.

Walter Glynnie (Tenor). 3210.

The Wren.

Mavis Bennett (Soprano). 2762.

Had You But Known.

Browning Mummy (Tenor). 2750.

9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local

Time.

9.00-9.30 p.m. Experimental Relay.

9.30-9.50 p.m. From The Studio.

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9.50-11.30 p.m. Dance Programme.

Fox Trot-Kitty From Kansas City.

Fox Trot-I Had A Girl Like You.

Rudy Valley and His Connecticut

Yankees. 22419.

Fox Trot-The Best Things in Life

Are Free.

Fox Trot-Lucky in Love.

Jack Hyllton and His Orch. 5507.

Fox Trot-Happy Feet.

Fox Trot-Like To Do Things

For You.

Leo Reisman and His Orch. 22398.

Fox Trot-Out Of The Dawn.

Waltz-Joining I Dream Of Lilac

Time.

The Victor Orchestra. 21572.

Talking Duet-Over The Garden Wall.

John Henry and Gladys Horridge.

3085.

Fox Trot-The Woman In The Shoe.

The Victor Orchestra. 22337.

Fox Trot-Only Love Is Real.

The High Hatters. 22337.

Fox Trot-Shine On Harvest Moon.

Waltz-Memories.

The Southrons. 22517.

Fox Trot-Little White Lies.

Fox Trot-Geed But I'd Like To Make

You Happy.

Waring's Pennsylvania. 22492.

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Fox Trot-Love Is Like A Song.

Fox Trot-Say "Que" Cherin.

Leo Reisman and His Orch. 22531.

Fox Trot-When I'm Looking At You.

The Victor Orchestra. 22258.

Waltz-Girl Of My Dreams.

Waltz-Maria Mari.

Waltz-Kolomek Honoluluan. 21263.

11.30 p.m. Close down.

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the Godowns for examination by the

consignees, and the Company's Sur-

vveyors Messrs. Goldard & Douglas at

10.00 a.m. on Monday, the 15th

December, 1930.

No claims will be admitted after

the goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected

in any case whatever.

R. OHL,

Hongkong, 9th December, 1930.

### PRESIDENT BOAT LAUNCHED.

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### SCHNEIDER TROPHY.

NO DECISION AS TO R.A.F.

PARTICIPATION.

London, Dec. 9.

No conclusion was reached at

yesterday's conference between

the Air Council and the Schneider

Trophy Committee of the Royal

Aero Club but the conference is

to be resumed next week, and

hopes are entertained in the air-

craft industry that the Air

Ministry may reconsider its

decision to take no share in

next year's Schneider Trophy

race.

One of the Aero Club's chief

difficulties would be the assembly

and training of a team of civilian

pilots, whereas the Air Ministry

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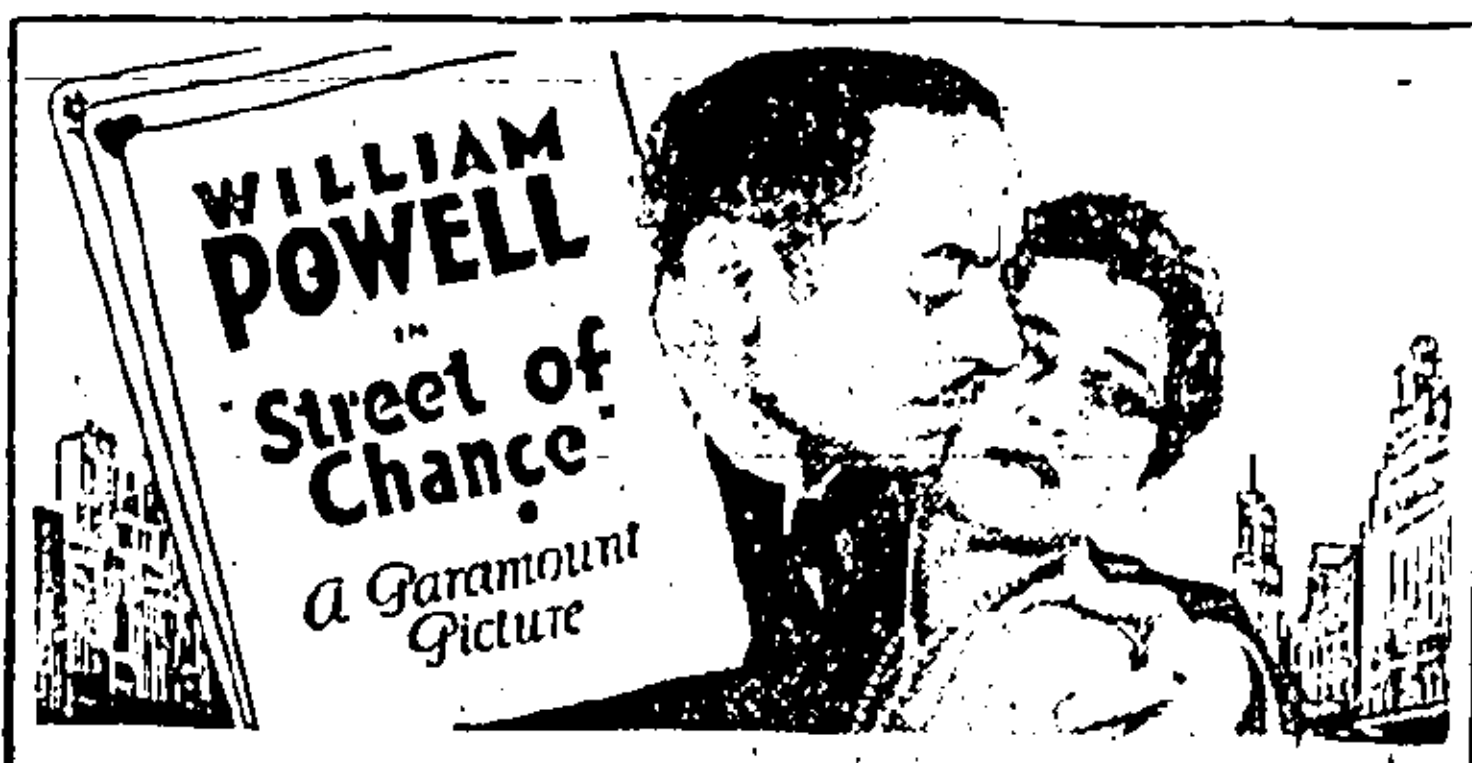
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### CHINA'S VIEWS ON DISARMAMENT.

DISCLOSURE AT FUTURE  
CONFERENCE.

#### CHAIRMAN'S APPEAL.

Geneva, Dec. 9.  
Dr. Woo Kai-seng, representing  
China, in the course of a brief  
speech at the closing of the Pre-  
paratory Disarmament Commit-  
tee's session, declared that China  
had a clear opinion as regards  
disarmament and peace and would  
formulate it at the General Con-  
ference. The radical and moral  
causes which led to war must be  
suppressed.

Geneva, Dec. 9.  
A complaint against an "offen-  
sive" clause was made by M.  
Lunacharsky, alluding to the re-  
servation that the adherence of  
Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Poland  
and Rumania to the draft Dis-  
armament Convention was de-  
pendent upon Russia's adhesion.

Lunacharsky demanded the dele-  
tion of this, and the mention of  
Russia was finally excluded from  
the text.

A compromise text, to which  
Lunacharsky assented, reads:  
"Estonia, Finland, Latvia,  
Poland and Rumania made an  
adhesion to the Convention de-  
pendent upon certain conditions.  
The Committee decides to reserve  
examination of this proposal for a  
future Conference."

The Preparatory Commission  
meeting then closed after five  
weeks of deliberations. The next  
step is the calling of a General  
Conference and Heer London  
(Holland) the chairman, closing  
the proceedings, appealed to the  
delegates to impress on their  
governments to lose no time in  
convening the Conference.

#### NEW GESTURE BY THE PRINCES.

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the Provinces to part with the  
asset of uniformity in legisla-  
tion.

The question thus shapes itself  
into how to preserve uniformity  
in legislation without invading  
the States' sovereign rights. The  
suggestion of the Princes was  
that the laws passed by the  
Federal Body should be ratified  
by the respective States Legisla-  
tures. The States had been enact-  
ing their own laws and it was,  
therefore, a matter of sentiment  
that they should have a chance of  
passing the legislation themselves.

What amounted to a pledge was  
given that Federal Laws would in  
fact be passed by the States.

Such procedure did not, how-  
ever, appeal to the British Indian  
delegates and the matter was left  
open.

#### Powers of Government.

In the view of the Sub-Com-  
mittee, the Federal Legislature  
should be considered the primary  
Legislature of India, constructed  
and constituted in relation to the  
federated units.

An opinion was expressed that  
policy and legislation were the  
main directions in which the  
utmost power should be given to  
the Federal Government.

Regarding administration, the  
States took the view that the  
Federal Government be confined to  
the exercise of general super-  
vision and the hope was expressed  
there would be no residual  
subjects in the sense of their  
being central British Indian sub-  
jects, as distinct from Federal  
subjects.

#### Next Question.

The Sub-Committee is now vir-  
tually ready to begin discussion  
of the difficult question of the con-  
stitution, character powers and re-  
sponsibilities of the Executive, and  
will probably take up this subject  
early next week.

It is generally agreed that the  
progress made is highly satisfac-  
tory and beyond the expectations  
of the delegates of a week ago.

#### Provincial Issues Settled.

The Provincial Constitution Sub-  
Committee during to-day's meeting  
discussed whether second cham-  
bers should be set up by statute,  
or left to the individual choice of  
the Provinces, and the general  
sense was in favour of the latter  
course.

The Committee adjourned until  
Friday when a draft report will  
be considered preparatory to pre-  
sentation to a general meeting of  
the conference early next week.

The Royal Society of British  
Artists has instituted two medals,  
one in silver and one in bronze, to  
be awarded annually at the Spring  
Exhibition to the two best pic-  
tures by members.

### STRAITS TRAGEDY INQUIRY.

EUROPEAN'S DEATH  
INVESTIGATED.

BODY FOUND ON BATHING  
BEACH.

#### MISSING REVOLVER.

Singapore, Dec. 1.

Unusual interest is being  
evinced in the inquiry which be-  
gan before Mr. V. Lisamer, the  
acting Singapore Coroner, this  
morning, into the circumstances  
attending the death of Mr.  
Douglas Vincent Gibson, a well-  
known European resident of  
Singapore, whose body was  
found on the beach at Changi on  
the afternoon of Nov. 8.

The deceased had been in Singa-  
pore for about seven years and  
had only recently returned from  
leave in England, where he left  
Mrs. Gibson.

He was divisional manager of  
the United Exporters, Ltd., for  
Malaya, British North Borneo,  
Siam and Northern Sumatra.

#### Discovery of Body.

On the morning of Saturday,  
Nov. 8, Mr. Gibson, it appears, left  
the Europe Hotel, where he lived,  
early in the morning and set out  
for Changi alone. He failed to  
return as expected, and Mr. R. G.  
Macmorran, of his firm, communi-  
cated with the Central Division  
police. Inspector Poulain headed  
a search party, and within two  
hours found the body of Mr. Gib-  
son on the sea beach off the 13th  
mile, Changi Road. The deceased,  
when found, was clothed in his  
underwear.

Mr. C. H. Nicol, A.S.P., in  
charge of the Central Division  
police, conducted the inquiry for  
the Crown. Mr. J. G. Campbell  
watched the proceedings on be-  
half of the Ocean Accident and  
Guarantee Corp., Ltd., and asked  
leave to attend. Mr. C. Dickinson  
represented the widow. A num-  
ber of Europeans were present in  
Court.

#### Revolver Missing.

In opening the inquiry, Mr.  
Nicol said that Mr. Gibson dined  
at the Europe Hotel on Friday,  
Nov. 7, with friends and went  
upstairs of his room at about 11.30,  
but there were no signs of him  
having slept in his bed that night.  
The following morning at about  
four o'clock he left dressed in a  
white dinner jacket and hired a  
taxi and drove to Changi, taking  
with him a face towel. A Malay  
boy saw him on the beach at about  
six o'clock and that was the last  
time he was seen alive.

Mr. Nicol went on to say that  
in Mr. Gibson's room was a letter  
unsigned and addressed to his  
wife and also what dated some  
years ago. Both were left on the  
table. A revolver box was also in  
the room but the weapon itself  
was missing. Regarding Mr.  
Gibson's financial position, Mr.  
Nicol said that he was not in any  
financial embarrassment but was  
as a matter of fact well off.

#### Cable From Wife.

Mr. R. G. Macmorran, assistant  
divisional manager of United  
Exporters, Ltd., in the course of  
evidence said he knew of no rea-  
son whatever why deceased should  
commit suicide. Mr. Gibson had  
been an officer in the army and  
had seen service in India, Palestine  
and Russia and was subject to  
malaria.

Witness produced a telegram  
sent by Mrs. Gibson to her hus-  
band from Spain and explained  
that it was found among his  
papers on Monday, Nov. 10, when  
evidence took the papers out of  
Europe Hotel. He did not believe  
that Mr. Gibson had committed  
suicide, but in his opinion death  
must have been caused by malaria,  
or the sickness he had complained  
of the previous day or a weak  
heart. Witness knew that Mr.  
Gibson suffered from his heart.

#### Objection To Questions.

When Mr. Campbell rose to  
question witness and asked per-  
mission to do so, Mr. Nicol said  
that he must object to any ques-  
tions by Mr. Campbell on behalf  
of the insurance company. Mr.  
Nicol said that questions could  
only be asked if there was an  
accused person in the case. The  
matter of insurance was for a civil  
court.

Mr. C. H. Nicol, A.S.P., in the  
course of his evidence said Inspec-  
tor Poulain examined the trunk  
and everything in the deceased's  
room. In one of the trunks which  
was unlocked Inspector Poulain  
found an empty revolver box.  
Anyone with a room key could have  
opened the door and taken the re-  
volver.

"We are not suggesting that  
anybody took the revolver and there  
is no evidence that Mr. Gibson  
took it," Mr. Nicol remarked and  
added, "This revolver is missing."

### STRICT SECRECY IN SUGAR PARLEY.

ELEVEN COUNTRIES SEND  
TO BRUSSELS.

#### PROPAGANDA FUND.

Brussels, Dec. 9.

Representatives of Great Bri-  
tain, Poland, France, Hungary,  
Italy, Cuba, Belgium, the United  
States, Czechoslovakia, Germany  
and Java are attending the Con-  
ference, the purpose of which is to  
stabilize the world sugar market,  
and which opened to-day.

The "President" enjoined the  
"strictest secrecy" on the dele-  
gates, which means, therefore,  
that the proceedings will be pri-  
vate.

Three Committees were appoint-  
ed to deal with the agenda, stocks  
and statistics respectively.  
The Conference will consider  
the formation of a Permanent  
Commission to carry out the  
decisions of the Conference, and  
also the creation of a propaganda  
fund with a view to increasing the  
consumption of sugar throughout  
the world.

It is understood that Poland  
and Germany are requesting a  
large increase in their exportation  
quota.—*Reuter.*

Messrs. Penreath and Company  
have received a telegram from  
Java stating: Trust refuse to sell  
to-day (Dec. 9) pending further  
instructions from Holland. In the  
meantime sellers are holding  
back.

Private advices from Holland  
suggest that the Sugar Confer-  
ence is more favourable than not.  
"We do not expect Trust reduce  
prices."

#### DRASTIC EGYPTIAN ACTION RUMOUR.

CLOSING COTTON FUTURES  
IN THE MARKET.

Cairo, Dec. 9.

It is reported that the Govern-  
ment intends temporarily to close  
cotton futures in the market owing  
to the continued sharp decline in  
prices.

A cotton expert, in an interview,  
expressed the opinion that the  
fall of cotton prices had probably  
reached bottom.

He doubted the Government's  
rumoured intention as this could  
not afford a remedy while Liver-  
pool was open.

He attributed the present fall  
to the fixing of the prices of cot-  
ton sold on call last September,  
combined with the fact that the  
demand for sackalaries is only  
half what it ought to be, while  
the demand for ashmouni is well  
maintained.

The Government views the  
situation seriously and has re-  
quested the Under-Secretary of  
Finance to leave for Alexandria  
to investigate immediately and to  
report the position.—*Reuter.*

#### COMMUNIST AGENTS SENTENCED.

RIGA TRIAL COMES TO  
AN END.

Riga, Dec. 9.

The trial has ended of thirty-  
two Communists charged with sub-  
versive activities in Latvia.

Seven, who belonged to the  
Central Committee of the Com-  
munist Party, which is illegal in  
Latvia, were sentenced to seven  
years' hard labour, fourteen were  
sentenced to terms of hard labour  
varying from four years to one  
year. Eleven were acquitted.—*Reuter.*

together with fifty rounds of am-  
munition."

Purchase of Revolver.  
A Chinese salesman from Messrs.  
Robinson and Co., Ltd., said that  
he did not know that a European  
by that name had an account with  
the company. On Nov. 6 a Euro-  
pean giving that name came to the  
Arms Department and produced a  
police permit to purchase a revolver.  
On Nov. 5, Mr. Gibson came  
there, selected a revolver and took  
the number. On Nov. 6 he pur-  
chased a .38" revolver and 50  
rounds of ammunition. The box  
was the one produced and Mr. Gib-  
son took the weapon away in it.  
Mr. Gibson did not pay cash but it  
was debited to his account.

Mr. Campbell:—Was he of aver-  
age European weight?

Mr. Nicol:—I object to that  
question. It is a leading question.

Suicide Not Suggested.

Mr. Campbell:—I can ask it.  
Was he dark or fair?—He was  
fair.

Mr. Campbell:—I won't ask  
any more questions? Mr. Gibson  
was dark.

Mr. Nicol:—We all admit that  
Mr. Gibson did have a revolver.  
If the insurance company is going  
to suggest that this man shot him-  
self, let us have it, so that we may  
know where we stand.

"I am not suggesting that Mr.  
Gibson shot himself," Mr. Camp-  
bell answered.

The inquiry was adjourned.

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